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# MILITARY SITUATION IN BALKANS ANALYSED

## HAVOC IN RAIDS ON REICH

Details of the havoc wrought in Bremen and Wilhelmshaven raids in recent months have now reached London.

Several workshops at the Atlas shipyard in Bremen were demolished, and a few of the important flour and seed-crushing mills and cold stores were hit.

Factories damaged included the Focke-Wulf aircraft assembly plant.

The Deschimag shipyard, which produces every class of warship except battleships, has been repeatedly bombed.

In attacks on Wilhelmshaven several of the most important engineering shops were destroyed or damaged and work on warships rendered difficult for some time to come.

### Naval Barracks Hit

Several public buildings were destroyed or gutted, including important naval barracks buildings, where casualties among personnel were heavy.

The results will become apparent with the difficulties which Germany will experience in keeping her naval forces in full fighting trim and in delays to new construction. — Reuter.

## TURKEY TO CONTINUE AS NON-BELLIGERENT

It is understood that the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, told the People's Party on Tuesday that the Government would in the meanwhile continue the policy of non-belligerency, continuing closely to watch developments affecting Turkish interests. — Reuter.

## ADDIS ABABA CAPTURES

Order is being successfully preserved in Addis Ababa, it was officially stated in Nairobi yesterday.

Important stocks of arms and material of all kinds have been captured.

The large number of prisoners captured includes two Blackshirt battalions, complete with over 60 pilots and 1,000 air force ground personnel. Indian troops participated in the capture of the Abyssinian capital. — Reuter.

# Germans Nearly Through Waist Of Yugoslavia

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THE ENTRY OF GERMAN ADVANCE DETACHMENTS INTO SALONIKA NOT ONLY MEANS THE LOSS OF THE CAPITAL OF MACEDONIA BUT CUTS THE GREEK ARMIES IN THE FIELD IN TWO.**

There may be several Greek divisions in Thrace and eastern Macedonia and they are practically surrounded.

While the German armies are thus engaged in the south, other forces have practically cut through the Yugoslavian waistline and are now advancing northwards and westwards so as to threaten with encirclement and main forces which are being hemmed in in old Serbia.

### German Statement

At the same time, while the Yugoslavs are still opposing German pressure from Rumania, Hungary and Austria, some of their forces have penetrated Albania and should create a diversion in the Italian rear.

It is obvious from this exposition of the military position that the immediate outlook in the Balkans must be regarded as serious, but it is significant that the Germans have not yet come up against the British forces.

### Not Yet Lost

This would suggest that the defence of Salonika was not part of Britain's plan.

Britain's force is one not lightly to be disregarded.

The Battle of the Balkans has not yet been won or lost.

It is learned in authoritative circles in London that no British or Imperial troops were in the sector of the Vardar.

### Heavy R.A.F. Attacks

The R.A.F. continued on Monday vigorous resistance to enemy troops in aiding Greece and Yugoslavia, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Heavy attacks were delivered against tanks and motor transport convoys in the Lake Doiran area. Bombs were observed to burst among tanks and vehicles on roads between Strumica and Doiran and a bridge under a railway at Devderija was damaged by direct hits.

### HUNGARY ENEMY TERRITORY

The Government of India yesterday declared Hungary enemy territory, says Reuter from New Delhi.

## ITALY'S REPRISAL

Italy has demanded the recall of the United States assistant Military Attache, Captain W. C. Bentley, who is also Military Attache for Air, from the Embassy in Rome.

This was announced by the State Department in Washington yesterday.

The United States recently demanded the recall of the Italian Naval Attache, Admiral Lais, and in their demand Note, apparently a reprisal, the Italians say Admiral Lais has ceased to function and will leave the United States without delay. — Reuter.

## GOVERNMENT SET UP IN IRAQ

The Iraq Nationalist leader and former Premier, Sayid Rashid el Gallanti, has formed a Government of National Defence, following his seizure of power in last week's coup d'etat, according to a Baghdad report received in Vichy yesterday.

## POPE PEACE APPEAL ABANDONED

The Pope's plan to make a peace appeal in his Easter address is believed to have been changed.

The address precedes the blessing "Urbi et Orbi" on Sunday.

A message received in Berne from Rome states that following the extension of the war to the

The Government is composed of six high officers and two civilians.

An announcement says the new Government has been constituted "as the Regent has failed in all his duties and the constitution has been suspended. The army, under the aegis of His Majesty King Kaysal, has taken power into its hands."

The new Government is credited with the intention of attempting, through Parliament, the deposition of the Regent, Amir Abdul Ilah, and setting up a Regency Council, in which a member of Rashid's family is included.

Iran is calm, the report adds. — Reuter.

Balkans, the Pope feels it is impossible to make a peace move at the present time. — Reuter.



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# PREMIER ADOPTS A GRIM TONE

## Warns France That Blockade Will Be Enforced

### NORWAY URGED TO PATIENCE

KING HAARON, BROADCASTING FROM LONDON ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSAULT ON NORWAY YESTERDAY, APPEALED TO NORWEGIANS TO "DO NO RASH ACT WHICH MAY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FOR THE WHOLE OF OUR PEOPLE."

He added: "The days to come may be hard and you may have to endure even greater privations than you have yet known, but stand firm, do not lose courage and look confidently towards the not far distant day when Norway will rise again." Reuter.

### R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

In Abyssinia, camps and other military objectives in the Gondar area were bombed on Sunday and Monday by R.A.F. aircraft and a Free French squadron.

Direct hit was made on aerodrome building at Comolera, one of which caught fire.

South African aircraft successfully attacked motor transport in the Abyssinia.

Enemy landing grounds in Cyrenaica were bombed and troop concentrations continuously attacked.

From all operations, all British aircraft returned safely to base. Reuter.

### PARLIAMENT'S THANKS

A resolution of thanks to the Forces and the workers, moved by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday, was carried unanimously.

A similar motion was carried in the House of Lords on the motion of Lord Moyn, Leader of the House. Reuter.

### YUGOSLAVIA WAR RELIEF

The Hyderabad State War Purposes Fund has decided to contribute £1,000 to war relief in Yugoslavia. Reuter.

## Soviet Advised To Watch Ukraine

TURNING TO FRANCE, IN THE COURSE OF A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, CORDIALLY WELCOMED MARSHAL PETAIN'S DECLARATION THAT FRANCE WOULD NEITHER ACT AGAINST HER FORMER ALLY NOR TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST HER.

Mr. Churchill added; "We must, however, realise that the Vichy Government is in the hands of the Germans. I wish to make it clear that we must maintain our blockade against Germany and those rights of contraband control at sea which have never been lost.

"Nevertheless we have allowed in practice very considerable quantities of food to go to France out of a sincere desire to spare the French people every hardship in our power.

"When, however, it comes to thousands of tons of rubber and other vital war material, which passes directly to the German armies, we are bound, even at the risk of a collision with French warships at sea, to enforce our rights as recognised by international law. (Cheers).

"There is one other form of action into which Vichy might be led by the delation of Germany, namely the sending of powerful war vessels, which are unfinished or even damaged, from French African ports to ports in metropolitan France which are either under the control of the Germans or may, at short notice, fall under their control.

"Such movements of French war vessels will alter the balance of naval power and would thus prejudice the interests of the United States as well as our own.

"Therefore I trust that such an incident will be avoided, or if they are not avoided, that the consequences which will follow from them will be understood and fairly judged by the French nation."

### R.A.F. Power

Mr. Churchill continued: "I am glad to be able to report a continued and marked improvement in the relative strength of the R.A.F. as compared with that of Germany.

"Also I draw attention to the remarkable increase in its actual strength and in its bombing capacity and also a marked augmentation in the power and size of bombs which we

shall be using in ever increasing numbers.

"The parties which we are now accustomed to make upon German harbours and cities are increasing in numbers. In some cases we have already in our raids exceeded in severity anything which a single town has in a single night experienced over there.

### German Raids

"At the same time there is a sensible improvement in our means of dealing with German raids upon this island. Now moonlight periods are looked forward to by the R.A.F. as opportunities for inflicting severe deterrent losses upon raiders as well as for striking hard at the enemy in his own territory.

"The fact that technical advisers welcome light—daylight, moonlight and starlight—is pregnant with hope and with meaning.

"But after all everything turns upon the Battle of the Atlantic which is proceeding with growing intensity on both sides.

### Shipping Losses

"Our losses in ships and tonnage are very heavy and vast as are our shipping resources. These losses could not continue indefinitely without seriously affecting our war effort.

"We have lost since the beginning of the war nearly four million tons of British shipping. As against this we have gained, under the British flag over three million tons of foreign or newly constructed tonnage.

Therefore at the moment our enormous fleets sail the seas without any serious or obvious diminution.

"But what is to happen if losses continue at the present rate? Where are we to find another three or four million tons to fill the gap which is being created to carry us on through 1942?

"We are building merchant ships upon a very considerable scale. We are doing our utmost to accelerate the turn round of our ships.

### Gigantic Building

"But, when all is said and done, the only way in which we can get through 1942 without a very sensible contraction in our war effort, is by another gigantic building of merchant ships in the United States to that prodigy of output accomplished by the Americans in 1918.

"We have an assurance that several million tons of American new-built shipping will be available for the common struggle

during the course of next year. (Cheers).

"Here, then, is an assurance

upon which we may count for staying powers without which it will not be possible to save the world from the criminals.

"I am confident that we shall succeed in coping with the attacks upon shipping in the western and north-western approaches.

### Hint To Eire

"I hope that eventually the inhabitants of the sister island may realise that it is as much in her interests as it is in ours that her ports and air fields should be available for naval and air forces which must operate even further into the Atlantic.

"The defeat of the U-boats and surface raiders has been proved to be entirely a question of adequate escorts for convoys.

"It would indeed be disastrous if the great masses of weapons, munitions and instruments of war, made with the toil and skill of American hands and loaned to us under the Aid to Britain Bill, were to sink into the depths of the ocean and never reach the hard-pressed fighting line.

"It would be a result lamentable to us over here and I cannot believe it would be found acceptable to the proud and resolute people of the United States. (Cheers).

### Revenue Cutters

"I am authorised to state that 10 United States revenue cutters, fast vessels of about 2,000 tons displacement with a fine armament and a wide range of endurance, have already been placed at our disposal by the United States Government and will soon be in action. (Cheers).

"It is of course very hazardous to try to forecast in what direction Hitler will employ his military machine in the present year.

"HE MAY AT ANY TIME ATTEMPT AN INVASION OF THIS ISLAND. IT IS AN ORDEAL FROM WHICH WE SHALL NOT SHRINK.

"At the present moment he is driving fast through the Balkans and at any moment may turn upon Turkey.

### The Ukraine

"But there are many signs which point to an attempt to secure the granary of the Ukraine and the oilfields of the Caucasus, as a German means of gaining resources with which to wear down the English-speaking world.

"ONCE WE HAVE GAINED THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AND ARE SURE OF A CONSTANT FLOW OF AMERICAN SUPPLIES, THEN, HOWEVER FAR HITLER MAY GO OR WHATEVER NEW MILLIONS OR SCORES OF MILLIONS HE MAY LAY IN MISERY, ARMED WITH THE SWORD OF RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE WE SHALL BE ON HIS TRACK. (LOUD CHEERS).—REUTER.

## HABEAS WRIT FOR WOMAN

A woman with a son in the Forces and a man who pleaded he had been confused with another were each granted a writ of habeas corpus in the King's Bench Divisional Court.

Both are detained under the Defence Regulations. The woman, Mrs. Mathilde Randall, was stated to have been held since July.

Mr. A. H. Morseby, her counsel, said the ground for her detention was that "she was born in Germany of German parents, and had expressed sympathy with the German cause."

She was British by marriage to a British soldier twenty years ago.

Her plea was that her case had been before the Advisory Committee of the Home Office, which had told the Home Secretary that they had formed a favourable decision about her.

### "Gangster" Charge

Mr. Harry Sabini, it was stated by his counsel, Mr. G. O. Slade, was detained on June 14 on the ground that there was reasonable cause for believing that he was a person of hostile origin.

Actually, he was born in England.

It had also been said of Mr. Sabini, added Mr. Slade, that he was "a dangerous criminal of the gangster type liable to lead insurrection in this country."

That was emphatically denied. Mr. Slade said the notice served upon Mr. Sabini had described him as "alias Harry Handley." He had no knowledge of that name and could assume only that he had been confused with another person.

Mr. Justice Humphreys said that it might well be that Mr. Sabini had been confused with another man of a similar name. The matter wanted clearing up.

## PUT CHECK ON "JINGLE JILLS"

Pretty girls are going out into the streets of New York rattling collecting-boxes. The Americans call them "Jingle Jills."

They are supposed to be collecting for charity and religious bodies, but the U.S. courts have suspected a new racket.

The girls, who are said to receive half of all they get, have been employed by an organisation known as Volunteer Army, Inc., an alleged charitable organisation. But according to the Attorney-General it spends no more on the needy than £2 to £3 a week, though it collects about £15,000 a year.

The Attorney-General said the "Army" was headed by "General" Hattie Eby and "Majors" in the Army were permitted to conduct an office for the purpose of engaging persons, chiefly girls, to go out and collect.

"These girls," he said, "are not volunteer workers for a religious or humane cause, but 'Jingle Jills.' They are chosen for their attractiveness. They are not interested in salvation of souls, since their only concern is the number of coins they obtain and the share that will come to them.

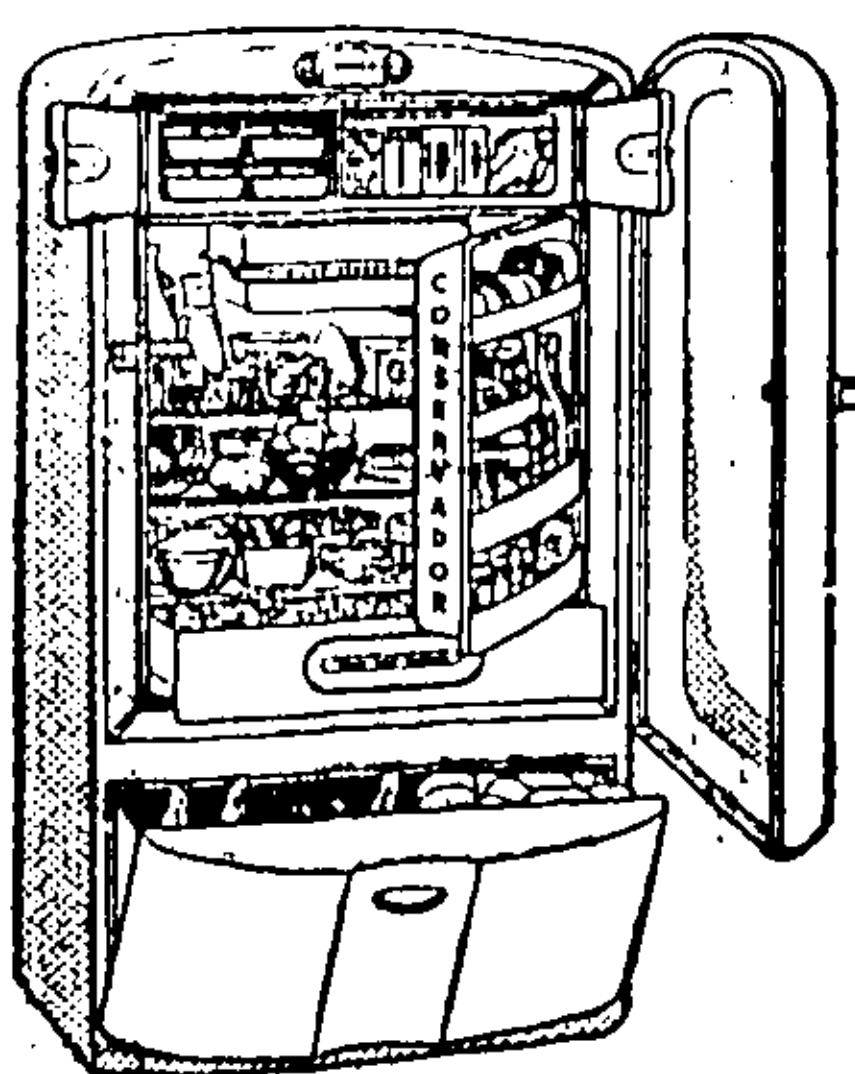
"These 'Jingle Jills,'" he added, "jingle thousands of dollars annually."

Mr. Cuff, Judge of the Supreme Court, has granted an application to annul the "Army's" certificate of incorporation."

## U.S. COAL STRIKE TO END

An agreement in the American bituminous coal industry strike "sufficient to assure the country that there will be no danger of a coal shortage," is announced by Mr. J. R. Steelman, Federal Government negotiator in the dispute. He did not indicate when the bituminous mines would re-open. Reuter.

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# British Forces In Libya Making Stand At Tobruk



Hong Kong's new Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pennefather Evans, photographed yesterday with the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. C. G. Perdue.

## DIAMOND WEDDING GIFT—A MEMORY

It was their diamond wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bird sat hand in hand in the front row of the chairs in the village hall.

All their neighbours were round them. There were garlands on the wall. And they were watching a charming little play which obviously, thought Mrs. Bird, must have taken a great deal of work to prepare.

And it was all for them for their diamond wedding day. "People here are so kind," whispered Mrs. Bird to Mr. Bird. She is eighty-five. Mr. Bird is ninety. They live in Westerfield, Suffolk, a village of 127 kindly people—good neighbours. The Westerfield folk know that a diamond wedding is an event. They also know that a couple aged ninety and eighty-five are by no means too old to be given another happy memory.

They booked the village hall. Volunteers hung it with garlands. Fourteen village children were rehearsed in a fairy play.

The play was already one of Mr. and Mrs. Bird's memories. It was written by their son, Captain Cyril Bird when he was twenty-one, for their silver wedding. It had not been acted since.

Now one of their daughters, Miss Claire Bird, produced it.

### And A Bouquet

And when Mr. and Mrs. Bird, guests of honour, sat down in the front row in the village hall to watch this diamond wedding performance, they saw a grandson and a daughter taking part on the stage.

When the play was over—it had a happy ending, of course—the rector spoke the village's congratulations to the old couple.

And as a climax a bouquet from the villagers was handed to Mrs. Bird. Her diamond wedding bouquet.

My parents loved every minute of it," Miss Claire Bird said. Said a villager: "We enjoyed seeing them so happy."

And Mrs. Bird said: "It brought much joy to our anniversary. The people here are so kind."

### JOE LOUIS STILL THE CHAMP.

Joe Louis retained the World Heavyweight Title when he beat Tony Nusto on a technical knockout in the ninth round at St. Louis.—Reuter.

## REINFORCEMENTS TAKE UP STRONG POSITIONS

**BRITISH TANKS AND OTHER REINFORCEMENTS IN LIBYA ARE NOW ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES IN STRONG FORTIFICATIONS AT TOBRUK.**

This was revealed by Lord Moyne, the Colonial Secretary, speaking in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Moyne said the abandonment of Benghazi was a direct consequence of the reinforcements sent to Greece, together with withdrawals of armoured vehicles for overhaul.

## IN WIFE'S PLACE

Because his wife has had to stay at home to look after their young son, Mr. Harold Petty, of Rustington, near Worthing, Sussex, has taken her place in the W.V.S.

Two nights a week, for three weeks, dressed in Mrs. Petty's cotton-flowered overall, Mr. Petty, who is also in the Home Guard, has been peeling potatoes and washing-up with local members of the W.V.S.

Understudying like this for his wife, he gets his "leg pulled" by the boys.

"But I just don't take any notice," he told a reporter.

"My wife was missed when our kiddie John fell ill and she had to stay at home to look after him. It's the least I could do to lend a hand. I must say, though, it does seem rather strange, changing from my Home Guard uniform into a pretty coloured overall."

Said Mrs. Petty: "My husband suggested taking my place. They tell me he's getting expert with household duties, too."

"Perhaps one day I'll have the opportunity of doing something for him in the Home Guard. That's if they'll let me."

### At Record Speed

A local W.V.S. member said: "We serve a lot of soldiers every night and missed Mrs. Petty's help no end."

"Mr. Petty is certainly making up for her absence. He washes up, peels potatoes and opens tins at record speed."

"We'll miss him when he goes. Besides, it's nice to have a man about the place."

## A PEOPLE'S WAR

MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, SAID IF EVER A WAR COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A PEOPLE'S WAR IT WAS THIS ONE.

He added: "If every leader the people had was struck down tomorrow, the people of this country and of the British Empire would fight on."

They would raise up for themselves new leaders because they had not been led into this war.

They had marched into it and had asked these leaders to take them into it."—Reuter.

## MASSAWA NOW FULLY OCCUPIED

**MASSAWA CAPITULATED on Tuesday afternoon and has now been occupied by British troops, states a communique issued by British General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.**

Meanwhile British mobile units are continuing their advance south and south-west along the Dessie-Gondar road.

In Libya the British rearguard whose role it was to delay the enemy advance while the main British concentrations were being completed, was heavily engaged all Tuesday by numerically superior forces.

Massawa was occupied by Imperial and Free French forces at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

The defenders abandoned their futile resistance against

the ceaseless pressure of the British and Imperial forces, and the white flag was once again raised.

British and Imperial forces from Adowa and Adigrat are continuing their advance to the south towards the remnants of Italian forces reported to be concentrating on Dessie, 150 miles north-east of Addis Ababa.—Reuter.

## CENTRE OF GRAVITY OF WAR SHIFTS

"The centre of gravity of the war had gone from west to east and there is no need now to speak any further about an invasion of Britain," declared Col. Popoff in yesterday's "Red Star," issue of the Soviet Army.

Discussing the Balkans front, Col. Popoff says: "The German command is facing a serious enemy." Reuter.

## TAKES BOMBED FAMILY OF 13

Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, Prime Minister of Ontario, Canada, has taken under his wing a family of thirteen who were bombed out of their home in London.

He calls his act "an experiment in practical Christianity."

The family are Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cooke and their eleven children, who reached Canada by way of Trinidad. They have been established on the largest of Mr. Hepburn's tenant farms in South

## WOMEN PATROL RIVER BY NIGHT

Two women are staunch members of an Upper Thames Patrol which guards the river between Bray and Maidenhead.

Known as "53" and "54" they have not missed a duty or parade since they began the work in May. They have to contact everything that is moving on the river.

"Fifty-four" told how, on an inky black night, she could not see anything, but sensed some obstacle. Only prompt action averted a collision with a boat moored in the centre of the river. In it a fisherman was sleeping.

During the summer twenty or thirty camping craft provided plenty of work each night. All had to be examined and occupants' identity cards inspected. Now river fogs are added to chill and darkness.

Fortunately a megaphone is frequently sufficient to warn people living on the banks of the river that they are showing a light, but sometimes a landing has to be made and a slippery bank climbed.

"Fifty-three" is married to the commanding officer, and "54" to the second-in-command, and as far as possible their duties on patrol are arranged to coincide with those of their husbands.

So far, despite the danger of shrapnel, they have no tin hats and they provided their own uniforms, with trousers, for duty.

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# FEAT OF INDIA'S TROOPS

"The whole Empire has been stirred by the achievements of the Indian forces in Eritrea," states Mr. Churchill in a personal message to the Viceroy of India yesterday.

"The story of the ardour and perseverance with which they faced and finally conquered the precipitous heights of Keren recalls memories of the North-West Frontier of long years ago, and it is as one who has had the honour to serve in the field with Indian soldiers from all parts of Hindustan, as well as in the name of His Majesty's Government, that I ask Your Excellency to convey to them and the whole Indian Army the pride and admiration with which we have followed their heroic exploits."

The Viceroy replied: "I have conveyed to the forces of India now fighting in Eritrea and to the whole Indian Army your generous message for which I on their behalf thank you most heartily."

"Coming as it does from one who all his life has fought battle and found it in many varied fields in all parts of the world and I now the fighting leader of the British Commonwealth of Nations, your message is an inspiration to us all." — Reuter

# SEND ADOLF A BOMB

How would you like to buy a nice bomb, inscribe it with your name and a suitable message of good cheer such as "Have this one on me, Adolf!" and have it delivered to any destination you care to specify in Italy or Germany?

You'll be able to do it pretty soon if a new idea evolved by Mr. L. J. Kearley, of Wood Green London, N., catches on.

Mr. Kearley, who is Wood Green's A.R.P. medical storekeeper, has started a "Buy Your Own Bomb" campaign in the district. He is inviting neighbours to club together to buy their own bomb and name it.

"There are plenty of bomber funds and fighter funds," he said. "But what good are the bombers without the bombs?"

"Beside bombers cost such a lot of money. Thirty bob, however, buys a very useful incendiary—with the big H.E. fellows correspondingly dearer—and the money is very quickly and easily saved up."

## "A Real Kick"

"Anyone who has collected enough money for a bomb can get a real kick out of the knowledge that his contribution is doing a useful personal job of work—instead of, perhaps, paying for a couple of screws and nuts."

"We are organising dances and concerts locally, the proceeds of which will be put to the bomb fund."

"Then I hope to get hold of an empty shop in which to exhibit the bombcases so that anyone who wants to write a 'friendly little greeting will be able to do so.'"

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By BUD FISHER



## BACK FROM DEAD-SORRY HE'LL HAVE TO WEAR HAT

"THE ONLY THING that worries me is that I shall have to wear a hat for the first time in my life to hide this scar on my head."

Pieced together by surgical skill after his body had been shattered by a Nazi bomb, Thomas Bernard Northern, whom doctors have named "The Miracle Man" and "Museum Piece," said this to a reporter as lay propped up in bed at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham.

His legs slung up in a cradle and surrounded by hot water bottles, Northern, a forty-three-year-old labourer, laughed and drank a cup of coffee as he told how modern surgery saved his life after his home in Birkfields had received a direct hit by a bomb.

"My dear wife and I were alone in the house," he said. "She was killed outright, and I can only remember that I was stretching up to get an overcoat for her when everything went dark."

### Like Corrugated Paper

"That was nearly two months ago. Since then numerous surgeons have operated on me and been to see me."

"I had a fractured skull, in which I have twenty-nine stitches, a fractured collarbone, five ribs broken, my right leg broken in five places and my left leg in three places. I had

blood transfusions and was unconscious for about ten days.

"Doctors tell me I was like a piece of corrugated paper when I came into the hospital. They did not know how to start on me."

"It was much worse than being blown up by a shell in France during the last war, when I lost a kidney."

"But the surgeons and hospital staff have been wonderful and so very patient with me. I now feel a lot better and am able to eat, drink and smoke."

A sister said Northern had made a marvellous recovery because at first the doctors did not think he would live.

"The Duchess of Portland's secretary has written to us and asked if Northern can be moved to a hospital in Worsop," a hospital official said. "Apparently the Duchess is very interested in his case."

"At the moment we are afraid to move him."

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### Not Complaining

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## "BRAIN SPLIT IN TWO"

Five times wounded, holder of the Military Cross and an acting captain in the last war, Guy Cochrane Veale Greetham, forty-four, a soldier, was at Bournemouth Quarter Sessions described by an officer as a man whose "brain seemed to have been split in two."

Greetham pleaded guilty to obtaining credit for £3 2s. 6d. by means of fraud and obtaining £1 by falsely pretending he was a captain in the Army and in possession of an Army draft for £28.

He also admitted three outstanding charges, one of falsely wearing a captain's uniform and two of false pretences.

He was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Detective Jones said Greetham was placed on the retired list with the rank of captain in 1921, but five years later, on being convicted, was removed from the Army List and deprived of his rank.

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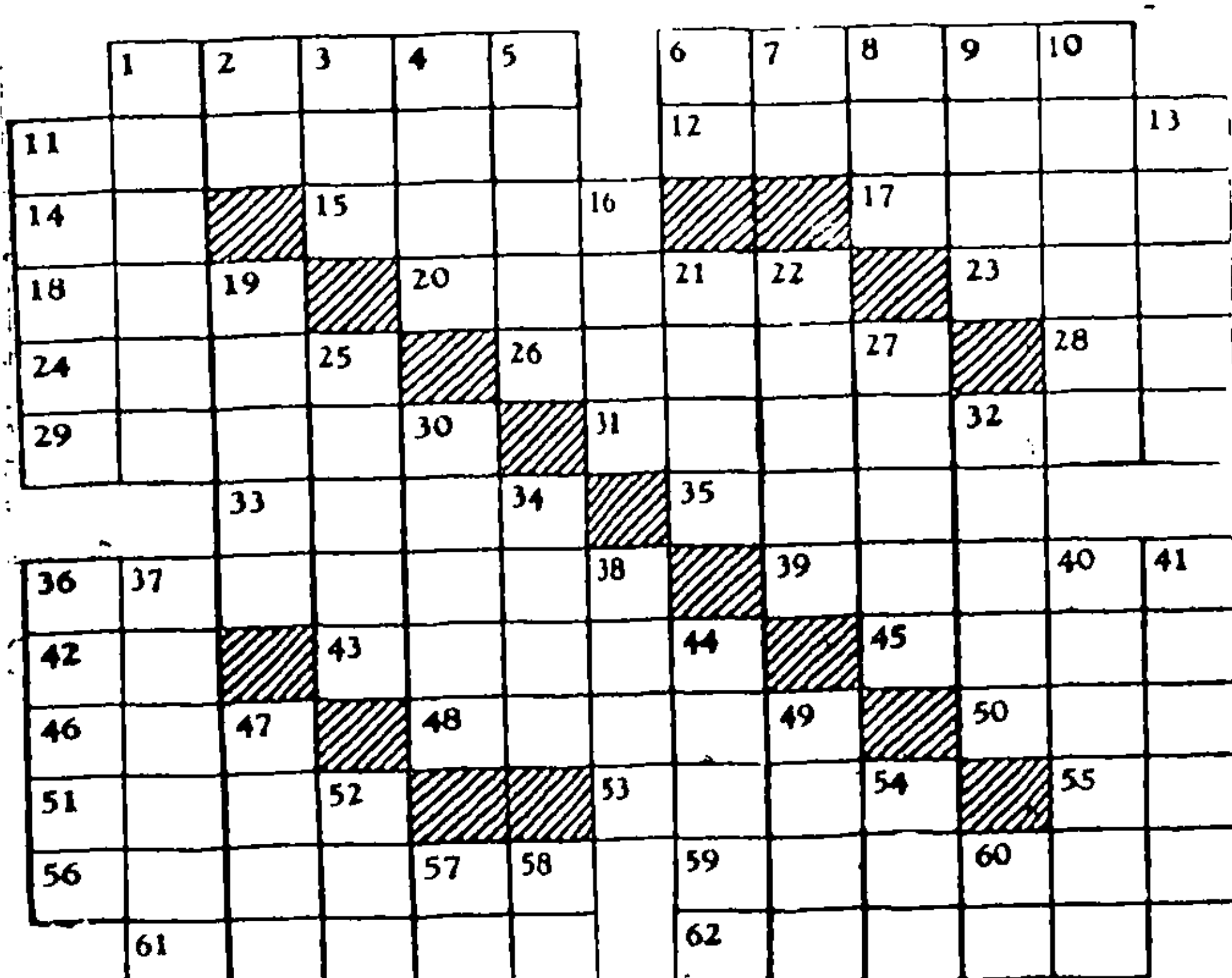
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- 18 Energy
- 20 Southwestern state
- 23 Law things
- 24 Ardour
- 26 Tax
- 28 Pronoun
- 29 Single-masted sailing vessel
- 31 Tumultuous flow
- 33 Kind of horse
- 35 Persian elf
- 36 To speak in a low voice
- 39 To evade
- 42 Exclamation
- 43 Weird
- 45 Tall grass
- 46 Period of time
- 48 Rotating piece

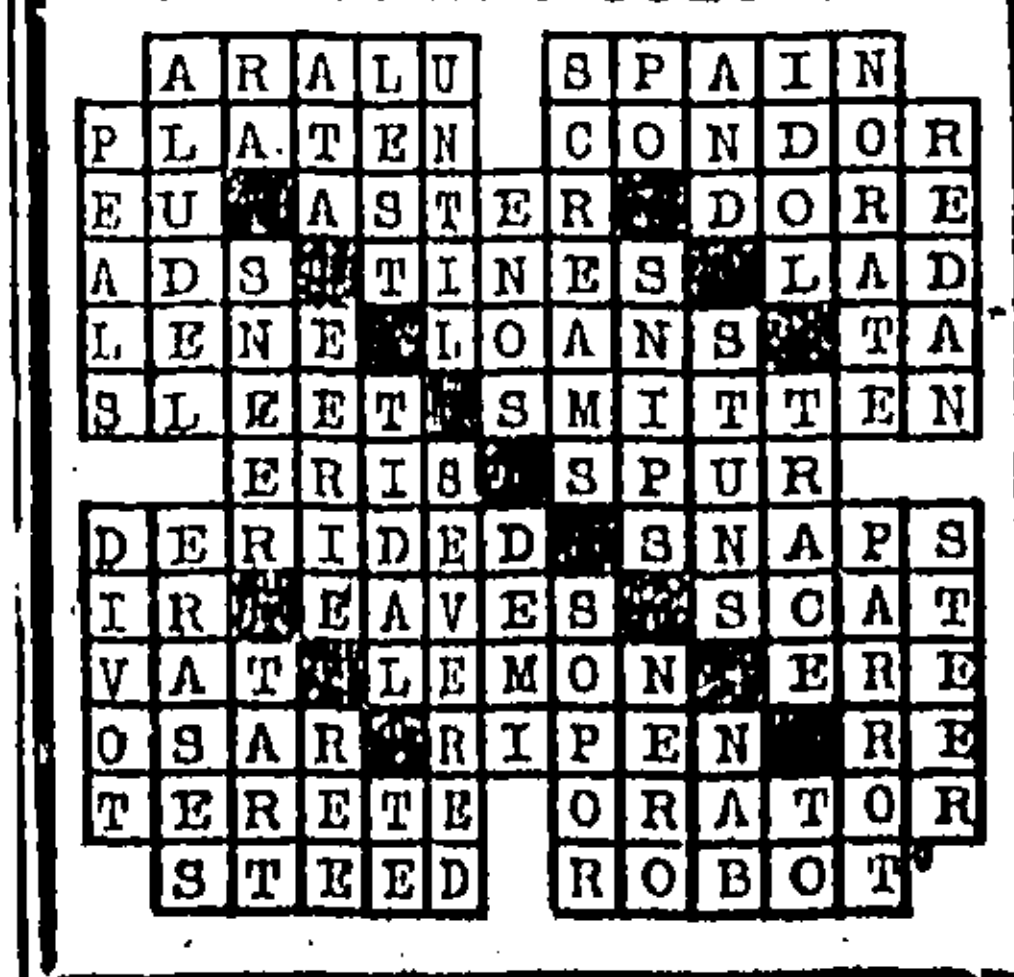
- 50 Tatter
- 51 Recedes
- 53 Former
- 54 European country
- 55 Concerning
- 56 Composed of globes
- 58 Idols
- 61 Part of a fortress
- 62 Cloyed

#### VERTICAL

- 1 High-pitched
- 2 Possessive pronoun
- 3 Neuter pronoun
- 4 Demonstrative pronoun
- 5 Ant

- 6 While
- 7 Prefix: two
- 8 Elongated fish
- 9 Former ruler
- 10 Scattered
- 11 Rants
- 13 Item of property
- 16 Means of egress
- 18 New Zealand tribesman
- 21 On top of
- 22 Fragment
- 25 Slip-knot
- 27 Mistake
- 32 Sea-duck
- 34 Roman emperor
- 36 Rotating disk
- 37 Haven
- 38 Ceremony
- 40 Made ready
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# STRENGTH OF RED ARMY: EUROPE STILL WONDERING

(By William Henry Chamberlin)

THE SOVIET RED ARMY has celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of its establishment. There was the usual Russian accompaniment of demonstrations, parades, declarations of invincibility and assurances of readiness to defend victoriously the frontiers of the "Socialist Fatherland."

How much fact lies behind these claims? The answer to this question is of special interest at a time when the Soviet Union constitutes a huge wedge between the European and the Asiatic theatres of the two wars that show signs of gradually becoming merged in one.

The surest indication of an army's value is its showing under conditions of actual combat. More than one army that looks good on the parade-ground has failed in the test of war and the converse is also occasionally true.

The evidence about the Red Army, based on its showing, is imperfect and is somewhat contradictory. Most of its operations have been walkovers, mere marches into disarmed or shattered countries, as was the case with the occupation of the three Baltic republics, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia, and with the invasion of Eastern Poland after Germany had smashed effective Polish resistance.

The Red Army seems to have given a pretty good account of itself in two serious clashes with the Japanese, around the heights of Changkufeng in the summer of 1938 and in the neighbourhood of Nomonhan, along the vague, disputed boundary between Manchukuo and Outer Mongolia, in the summer of 1939. The Changkufeng fighting, so far as one could piece together the contradictory reports of the two sides, ended in pretty much of a draw; but well informed Japanese privately admit that Nomonhan was a defeat, apparently because Soviet tanks, racing over the arid steppe land of Mongolia, outmaneuvered the Japanese and threatened to cut off their retreat.

## Fiasco In Finland

In Finland, on the other hand, the Red Army had little reason to be proud of its achievements. Overwhelming superiority in tanks and aeroplanes failed to produce an effective blitzkrieg. Masses of men were sent to destruction in the Finnish forests without proper equipment for fighting under local conditions. The Finnish defences on the Isthmus of Karelia were not remotely comparable in strength with the Maginot Line; they consisted of a chain of pillboxes, adapted to the difficult terrain. Yet it took months of fighting, accompanied by enormous casualties, before the Red Army was able to force its way through these defences by sheer overwhelming superiority in men and metal. Staff work in the Soviet-Finnish war was of inferior quality; elementary precautions, such as the camouflaging of tanks, were neglected; and the whole campaign seemed to be in the worst tradition of pre-war Russia, success achieved by mere massing of numbers, with little or no element of skill or finesse.

## A Handicap

There are probably two explanations for the contrasted records of the Red Army in the Far East and in Finland.

Ever since 1931, the Soviet Union had been suspicious of Japan and had maintained in Eastern Siberia a picked army, trained for operations in that region. The Finnish war was an improvisation, for which no adequate preparations had been made. And the open treeless prairies of Mongolia were better suited for the use of tanks than the frozen forests of Finland.

The Soviet Red Army is inevitably influenced to some extent by the characteristics of the old Russian Army which it succeeds. The Russian peasant, although he

naturally often lacks the initiative of the more educated and technically trained Western soldier, is a sturdy fighter when he is properly led and given a decent chance in the matter of equipment. At Eylau and at Borodino, Napoleon had reason to respect the stoical courage of his Russian opponents. Russia has produced brilliant generals, Suvoroff, Kutuzoff, Skobelev. But the social and economic backwardness of Russia has always been a handicap to its military effort.

## German Opinion

As a result of the industrialisation programme which has been pressed with great energy since 1929, Russia is now more self-sufficient as regards military supplies than was the case in the first World War. Its new steel, motor, and chemical plants can be turned to military uses.

The Revolution swept away very largely the old officer class, but it opened the doors of promotion widely to the masses and a certain number of Czarist officers were absorbed into the Red Army. German military observers with whom I have talked and who had the best opportunity to know the Red Army at first hand during the years of fairly close Soviet-German military collaboration before Adolf Hitler came into power, were of the opinion that the Red Army had developed a fairly good grade of junior officer and that the civil war had turned up a few brilliant generals, such as Marshal Michael Tukhachevsky, and Marshal Vasily Bluecher. Its weakness, according to these observers, was rather in its majors and colonels, who were generally inferior to the corresponding officers in Western armies in military and general education.

## Inferior To Reichswehr

There is reason to believe that the peak efficiency of the Red Army and the Red Air Force was achieved in 1935 and 1936. For in 1937 devastating purges set in. Marshal Tukhachevsky was executed. Marshal Bluecher, for many years commander in the Far East, disappeared. All the admirals in the Red Navy and many of the leaders in Soviet aviation suffered similar fates. All this must have had its effect on the efficiency of Red Army staff work, on the prospective effective utilisation of the large numbers of tanks and aeroplanes which the Soviet Union has accumulated.

Probably the safest estimate of the capacity of the Red Army at the present time would lie somewhere between its own claims of "invincibility" and the utterly negative appraisals of the more extreme anti-Communists. It could scarcely conceivably be used with success in offensive operations against the German Reichswehr at its present state of efficiency; the inferiority in staff work, in organisation and co-ordination, in the quality of its air force, is too great. On the other hand, it is probably well enough armed and equipped to put up a stubborn defensive struggle, as Russian troops have often done in their past history, but on two conditions; that internal discontents would not flare up under the stress of war and that the transportation system, chronically strained in time of peace, did not collapse under the vastly increased demands of war.

# BERNHARD TRAINED BY R.A.F.

The Royal Air Force is teaching Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands how to be a fighter pilot — but it is doubtful whether he will get his mother-in-law's consent to do much active combat work.

The genial young husband of Crown Princess Juliana volunteered for instruction on how to perform one of the toughest and most dangerous jobs of the war in order to make himself more useful as colonel of Dutch forces and aide to Queen Wilhelmina.

The Netherlands Government-in-exile has its own formations flying with the Royal Air Force now and the Prince is described as keen and eager for the excitement of combat work.

Nevertheless it is doubted that the Queen would consent to her daughter's consort taking any great part in flying involving the danger of active combat work.

The German-born Prince has been taking his lessons in secret for several months and R.A.F. instructors treat him like any other rookie except that he is granted "some latitude in the choice of training periods."

Described as a "natural" flier, Prince Bernhard was said by one source to be in an advanced stage of training. He is soloing following a stretch at the dual controls.

A popular figure at London parties, the Prince motors for his final lessons at fields near London.

He stays at a hotel during the training periods, then drives back to London for his regular duties with the Dutch Government-in-exile. Crown Princess Juliana and their two children are in Canada.

Before the war, Prince Bernhard was known throughout the world as a devotee of automobile racing. To this, and his mechanical bent, R.A.F. instructors attribute much of his aptitude for flying.

# DANE CREWS REMAINING ON BOARD

Disposition of the four Danish ships taken under protective custody by the U.S. Navy in Manila is a waiting instructions from Washington, navy officials said.

Three of the ships, the Grete Maersk, Gertrude Maersk and Hulda Maersk were still hiding at anchor in Manila harbour while the fourth, the Marchen Maersk was in Cebu, all with skeleton crews still aboard and with naval guards on each ship.

The question of what to do with the members of the crews still was undecided. While some government quarters insisted that they could not be interned since the United States was not at war with any of the Axis powers, others maintained their internment would be permissible if it was determined there was no place to send the men and their return to Denmark was found impossible.

## POLITE NAZI AIRMEN

While a fighter pilot on leave was driving his car home from church early one morning he saw a German bomber which had been crippled by a trawler crash in flames on Marshland.

The crew of four managed to escape the flames. They were disarmed by a Home Guard, and the British pilot took them in his car to a military depot. "The German airmen wiped their boots carefully before getting into the car," he said, "and put their life-saving jackets, dirty side up, on the seats."

"All of them were young."



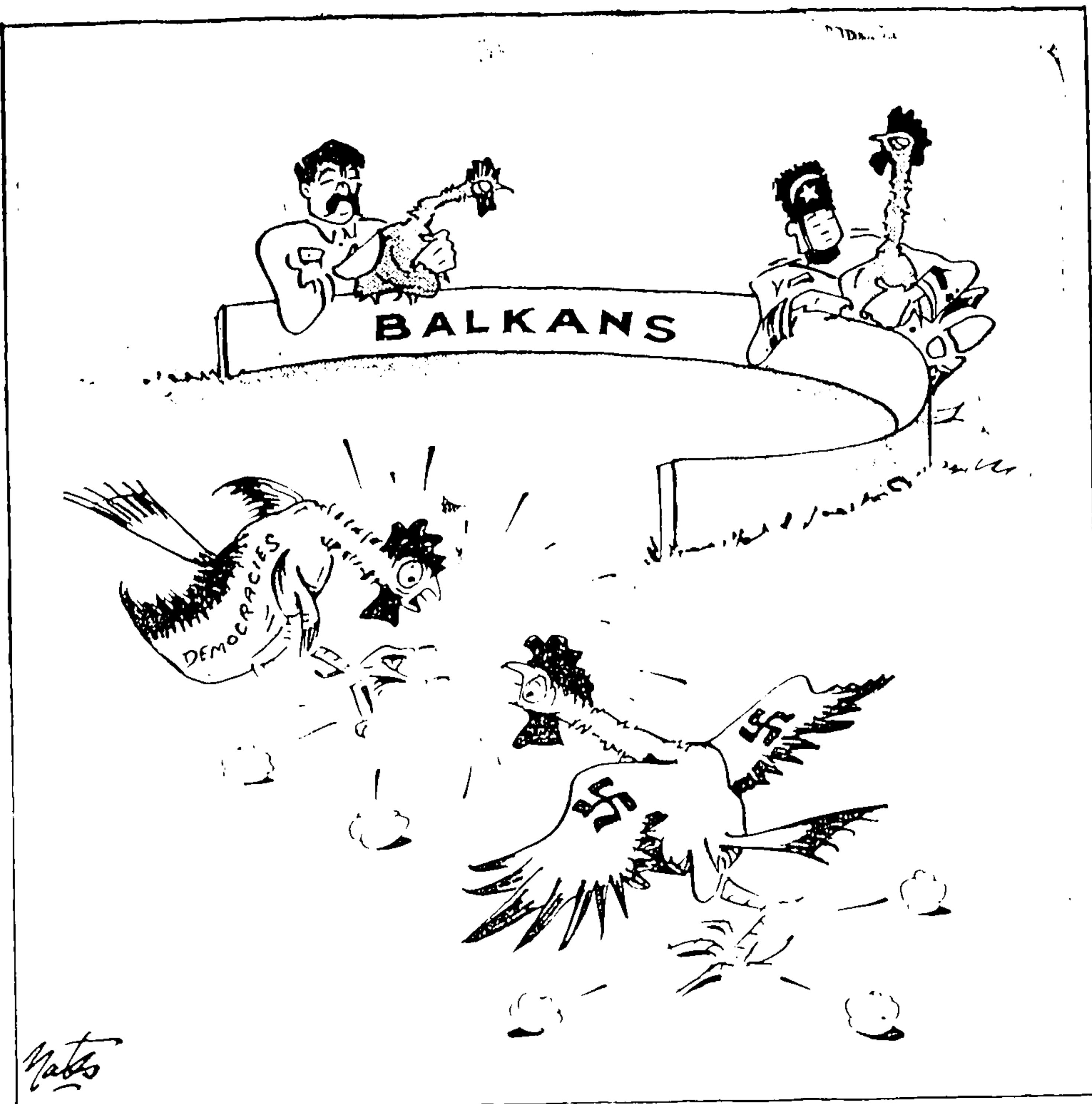
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### THE BLOCKADE

Marshal Petain, while confirming British confidence in his mood and motives by re-stating that it is a matter of honour for France to do nothing against her former ally, has furnished no good reason for relaxation of the blockade. Demand of most British observers is that more rigid enforcement is essential, because Marseilles has been permitted to become a dangerous leak. And there is ground for suspicion that the evidence of British unwillingness to make things more difficult for Marshal Petain has encouraged the Nazis, through Admiral Darlan, to agitate to secure a widening of the gap. When Marshal Petain, therefore, proclaims that Admiral Darlan has his fullest confidence, the chances of practical measures to meet the problem are small indeed.

The precedent of the last War, when supplies were sent into occupied Belgium for distribution to the civilian population under American, and later under Spanish and Dutch, control, is present to many minds. It does not, however, apply to-day. In 1914 the problem was of manageable dimensions. The invaded area was small, the supplies required were limited, and no abuse could have been on a sufficient scale to bring substantial advantage to Germany. None of these conditions obtains to-day, when some ninety million people are under the heel of Nazi domination. Moreover the moral atmosphere of 1940 is wholly different from that of 1914. In the last War the violation of Belgian neutrality drew apologetic excuses even from Imperial Germany. The idea of neutrality as such had not been trampled under foot. Small neutral countries in Europe retained their full independence and the respect of all the belligerents, Germany included. Now there is not a neutral in Europe whose good will Hitler would hesitate to flout, or whose territory he would shrink from attacking. The United States is more or less openly regarded by Nazi Germany as a hostile Power. No neutral influence restrains Hitler and his confederates; and no form of neutral control could be devised which would afford the slightest guarantee against abuse of any philanthropic enterprise. Any supplies reaching Nazi-occupied Europe are a direct or in-



THE WATCH ON THE SIDELINES

# The Dodecanese

"In my twofold capacity as a general and a Christian," said the Italian General Ameglio in the Cathedral of Rhodes on May 4, 1912, "these islands provisionally occupied by Italy will at the end of this war against the Turks be given once again their ancient autonomy. You can rely on my promise as you would on the Gospel itself." But from that day until now the Greek inhabitants of the "Twelve Islands," the Dodecanese (there are really thirteen, for Rhodes is now included in the group) have remained in of the Lagoon, that masterpiece of Rhodian sculpture. The fragrant pathos expressed in the countenances of the father and the elder son may well have been felt by these patriotic islanders when, under the Italian administration, they were persecuted, sent into exile, and generally maltreated. When the Italians arrived the island of Calymnos, mountainous and bare except for two fertile valleys, had 25,000 inhabitants; after six years only half of them remained. In Leros, noted for its excellent harbour, the population fell from 8,000 to 2,500, while in star-shaped Symi, where the best sailing and rowing craft are constructed, the 23,000 inhabitants became 7,000. The population, by the way, of the whole group was in 1938 reckoned at 140,818, of which Rhodes, by far the largest, the Island of Roses—whose soil, according to Homer, was watered by Zeus with a rain of gold—contained 61,886 in her 545 square miles out of the total of 1,035 square miles.

In addition to those, we have mentioned there are the islands of Lipsos, Patmos, wild and desolate, with an admirable port at Scala—Patmos, where St. John, the favourite disciple of Christ, wrote the Apocalypse; Cos, where the first school of medicine was established, Hippocrates and his followers giving it a vast prestige; mountainous Astypalaia, around which are the finest sponges; wooded Nisyros, prolific in pumice-stone and mill-stone; the small Telos, with orange and lemon trees; Chalki, with its ancient capital an hour's walk from the sea, established there on account of the pirates, Algerian Tunisian, Arab, and others—the great tragedy of Chalki was when the Venetians suffocated all the inhabitants who had taken refuge in

direct asset to Hitler, who will have no scruple about turning them to his own uses. The blockade must remain intact.

a cavern. To the south west of Rhodes is the long, narrow island of Carpathos, with excellent anchorage in some of her bays, and lastly there is Casos, above whose precipitous and unapproachable coasts there lie a few fertile valleys, which the inhabitants cultivate with great industry.

From the days of Homer, who tells us of the warship sent by the island to serve under Agamemnon the people of the Twelve Island have been the most ardent of Greeks. But over and over again they have been obliged, because of their situation, in the hands of a great naval Power they could easily dominate the road to

By Henry Baerlein

Suez and the Dardanelles — and because of the comparative paucity of their population, to live under alien rule. That of the Romans, from 130 B.C. to A.D. 400, was generally severe except in the case of Cos, which out of gratitude for the benefits enjoyed by emperors and consuls who were cured of various ailments by the physicians of that island was exempted from the heavy burdens imposed on the others. It was during this period, by the way, that Xenophon, the famous doctor of Cos, came to England in his professional capacity, and he was the first native of the Dodecanese to visit this country.

Then came the Byzantine period; the large extent of the empire and its great prosperity made it the object of predatory raids from all quarters. Thus we see that Isaurians, Persians, Saracens, Genoese, Crusaders, Knights of St. John, and Turks appear in turn in the Dodecanese. Works of art would naturally suffer during these invasions; a hundred of the 3,000 statues in Rhodes during the Greek period had been considered as marvels. Many of them met the fate of the Colossus, which immense mass of brass is reported to have been carried away by 900 camels, and when Richard Coeur de Lion stopped at Rhodes with a British fleet in 1191 it is said that "he viewed with profound astonishment the splendid remains of mightier works of art." The Turks, much more than the Knights of St. John, were sympathetic rulers; for the Knights were as exacting as they afterwards showed

themselves in Malta, while Suleiman the Magnificent, who ousted them in 1523, did not only, like General Ameglio, declare that the islanders should have autonomy, but he kept his word.

Nevertheless the national conscience of the islanders had remained alive, and when the other Greeks rose against the Turk, in 1921 their example was followed by the islanders, which resulted in the people of Cos being sold into slavery and many another island devastated. In 1930 the Dodecanese were placed under the protection of England, France, and Russia, which was not altogether a satisfactory solution. However, when Mahmoud II would have abolished the islanders' privileges it was owing to England's protest that he published a firman, still preserved in the monastery at Patmos, which re-established complete autonomy. In 1867, during the Cretan insurrection, the Dodecanese again displayed their Greek spirit, and in 1867 the Sultan sent another expedition of fourteen warships to work his will.

When the Young Turks proclaimed the Constitution in 1908 a rosy dawn appeared to be at hand, but in July, 1909, they sent a telegram abolishing all the privileges. For this reason the islanders were delighted to help the Italians during the Italo-Turkish war of 1912; their assistance was so effective that the Turkish garrison at Psinthos was taken with the loss of only five men. In return the Italians have continued to act in such an oppressive manner that the one desire of the people has been their liberation from such a regime.

In the cultivation of their famous grapes, their oranges, olives, and tobacco, in the manufacture of their Oriental carpets, artistic pottery, and tiles, their olive oil and wine, the auguries for the future are very good when the islanders, who are virile and generous, energetic and intelligent, come under the sway of a united Greek Commonwealth.

"I do not know in the whole world," said Lamartine, "a more excellent strategic position than that of Rhodes, nor a more beautiful sky, nor a more smiling and fecund soil." These islands, although bathed in almost eternal sunshine, are not visited by excessive heat. The rain descends mainly in November and December, and becomes less in February and March. Clear and serene is the atmosphere of the Dodecanese; it stimulates activity and causes many of the islanders to live beyond the allotted span.

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# NOBODY NOW LISTENS TO A MERE SPY

Espionage isn't what it used to be. The changing character of this war-time "profession" is discussed by an "Associated Press" war correspondent.

**THE DISCOURAGING** thing about being a spy is that nobody listens to spies any more. At least that's what the spies say. They also say that its extremely unpleasant work and easy to get and you can have it.

In Switzerland and elsewhere in Europe I have met quite a few spies socially. Some have been introduced as spies, which may have meant that they really were spies and were just trying to disarm me. I wouldn't know.

Conservative estimates by military attaches and other individuals whose activities throw them into contact with spies place the number of spies in Europe at something around 120,000. That includes spies in the business for pay, patriotism and play whose nuggets of knowledge are sometimes worth a hearing.

## General 'Coverage' Preferred

Officials of several Embassies and Legations say modern intelligence services have sacrificed detail for general coverage and have cut salaries for fairly good agents in order to get large numbers of just average agents. They say intelligence services now have only a few agents whose word they count on as sufficient in itself, but many paid agents whose information is pooled to be checked and double-checked.

Britain, in the opinion of most espionage experts including some Axis representatives I have met, has an enormous advantage in the war of military and economic intelligence on the Continent—but it's an advantage gained mainly by defeat and by Axis conquest.

The story goes, and I have never heard it denied, that the British Secret Service and Military Intelligence Divisions prepared for the invasion of the Low Countries and the French defeat, even though few of them dreamed it would come to pass, by scattering civilian agents throughout these territories.

I met just one agent who had been placed in preparation for the invasion. He was and is still in a great city now under German rule. He was a national of the invaded country and had no association with English firms or English people prior to or during the war. Now he takes great risks to keep London informed of Nazi military preparations.

## "Flying Spies"

When the war began, there were many reports of "observation flights" by planes over parts of enemy countries which seemed to hold little or nothing of military interest to the air observer.

It is known now that many of those flights by planes of all belligerents concerned "flying spies"—perhaps the riskiest game in the spy business.

An American, Kentucky-born Bert Hall, first showed the world how that could be done in 1912 when he landed a frightened Bulgarian secret agent behind the Turkish lines.

Later in the 1914-18 war, Mr. Hall and many another flier for both the Allies and the Central Powers carried out such "special missions" across all fronts.

Needless to say, such missions are dangerous both for pilot and passenger, but the pilot's military uniform is at least a guarantee against execution if they're caught aground.

Now, as in the last war, the pilot makes a deadstick landing at night in a deserted meadow far behind the enemy lines, waits for a dangerous hour or so give his passenger time to make a getaway, then roars off, again across the same meadow.

## Nazi Ring Smashed

German spies, some of whom were parachuted into the island of Heligoland, were par-

ticularly fond of landing in French Burgundy or the western slopes of the French Jura just west of the Swiss frontier.

Last April three German non-coms were forced down by engine trouble after their spy had baled out of the bomber at dawn near Dijon, France. The trio burned their plane and escaped before the blaze drew troops in the neighbourhood. All three managed to reach the Swiss frontier, but their passenger was located by French agents.

The French counter-espionage agents, following the usual procedure, let the newcomer lead them to his comrades and employees for three weeks before they finally swooped down on the whole ring. Three were executed, but three others were in prison awaiting trial when the German victory liberated them.

## Mata Haris Out

The Mata Haris of this war have taken a back seat behind plain John Businessman, ace espionage agent of 1941.

For it takes more than good looks and intelligence to cross frontiers in Europe to-day. One businessman with no charm at all, but with business abroad, is worth far more to European intelligence services than a bevy of beauties.

Which is why counter-espionage officials of neutral governments say they believe Britain now has a big edge on Germany in military information. Britain's trade empire is paying dividends with perhaps the world's most active, and underpaid, spies—businessmen, manufacturers, technicians and industrialists of many countries whose prewar income was based on trade with British firms.

War or no war, those men travel. War needs their intelligence and war machines are made of what they have to sell. No matter how tight a frontier may be "sealed," the man who has what the government behind that frontier wants will always be able to pass.

Eventually he comes back out again. Then he may go directly to a British (or German) friend—perhaps a diplomat, perhaps a businessman, perhaps just a social acquaintance.

## Used By All Belligerents

He tells of industrial bottlenecks in war production in the country he visited, of the factory striving to widen that bottleneck. Perhaps he's surprised and perhaps he isn't when he reads in his paper a few days later that the same factory has been bombed.

All belligerents use these commercial spies to the fullest possible extent. Some even start off their business trips with special missions, a fact which their hosts frequently guess. Some come back with false information hung around their necks by hosts who fully expect them to report to the enemy.

Here's an example of how they work—scitously, but in a pattern familiar to commercial attaches and government agents: A blindspot on the bombing map, well away from the town of Roim, 40 miles east of the junction of the Dutch and Belgian frontiers. The German industrial directory tells that British winter factories are in or near the town, that they are equipped to make and how big they are. It does not

tell them what they're now making, nor does it say what troops are in Roim.

## Directory A Fumble

The German industrial directory was somebody's fumble in Berlin and a boon to the R.A.F. It comes out every year and the 1940 edition appeared as usual, giving, with typical German thoroughness, even the new locations to which certain key factories had been transferred. Bombs followed. The industrial directory was not published this year.

On with the example. London sends word to all commercial agents, businessmen and British official representatives abroad that they want to know what is going on in Roim where there's a glass company, a steel mill, a firm making frames for racing bicycles and a soap factory.

A British commercial agent in Madrid may be a resident Englishman selling business insurance to Spanish companies. He has a wide acquaintance and he has means of meeting the Spanish distributing agents for the Roim Glass Company's hotel table glasses.

Perhaps he meets them himself, perhaps he delegates the job to a Spanish hotel owner who may be viewed by the distributors as a customer. Perhaps the distributors have visited Roim recently and if not, then certainly a Roim salesman has been calling. Germany needs foreign exchange.

The salesman, while explaining the delay in filling orders, may happen to mention that the factory's warehouses have been used by the military to store military equipment or to house troops.

Danube barge makers in Yugoslavia get their steel from Germany. The heads of the firm visit Germany on buying expeditions and talk to the owners of the little Roim plant where plate steel is made.

Swiss chemists from idle Swiss factories are sent to Germany by their firms to study German methods of making soap out of coal or other materials in order to keep the Swiss factory busy filling German orders.

## Information in Invoices

Portuguese bicycle dealers buy most of their bicycle frames where they can, for there's little iron in Portugal and the shipments from the United States and Britain are rare these days. They may go to Roim, too.

"It sounds like luck," said a commercial man who outlined the picture, "but it isn't. Business crosses frontiers and with it goes espionage."

He estimated that at least half the information handled by military intelligence in London came from commercial sources or through commercial channels.

Commerce provides a way to get the information out even when there are no individuals crossing the frontiers. Mails go through and the strictest censorship cannot hope to cope with the vast quantity of commercial data contained in the mails.

An order, an invoice, even the goods themselves may be used to convey military information with or without the knowledge of the shipper. The arrival of 10 cases of camera lenses in Switzerland addressed to an innocent Swiss dealer might tell a British customer of the shop that 10 German air squadrons were based in a Netherlands coast port.

## EARL'S FORMER WIFE DENIES BANKRUPTCY

The former wife of the third Earl Russell, now Mrs. Dora Winifred Grace, school proprietress, of Porthcurnow, Cornwall, attended her public examination at Bristol Bankruptcy Court.

The statement of affairs showed a deficiency of £619, but Mrs. Grace did not admit insolvency. She stated that, but for circumstances connected with the war, the present position would not have arisen. She had an income from royalties on her books and an interest under the will of her father (the late Sir Edward Black), the capital value of which she estimated at £8,000. Her examination was adjourned until June.

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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 38

#### By The Four Aces.

To-day's crime hand shouldn't stump any bridge detective very long:

North, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 9 7 6 3  
 ♥ A Q J 4  
 ♦ A 6 4  
 ♣ K 5  
 ♠ Q J 8 2  
 ♥ 7 6 3  
 ♦ J 10 6 2  
 ♣ J 10 6 2  
 ♠ N  
 ♥ W  
 ♦ E  
 ♣ S  
 ♠ Q 9 8 2  
 ♥ K 10 4  
 ♦ K 10 8  
 ♣ 9 8 3  
 ♠ J 10 7 6 4 3  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ 9 5 2  
 ♣ K Q 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the six of diamonds, dummy fished, and

East won with the King. East's trump return rode to dummy's Ace and a club put South in to lead the Jack of spades. West took the spade King and returned the club Jack. South winning with the Queen of clubs. South then led a low trump, but found that he had to lose three trump tricks in addition to the diamond King.

Somewhere or other a bridge crime has taken place — practically under your noses! See if you can discover it for yourself before you read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime was leading the Jack of spades on the second round of that suit! Correct play to this type of trump suit demands a low lead on the second round. If the suit splits 3-3, nothing is lost by the low lead. If the suit splits 4-2, the only chance to limit the loss to two trump tricks is that the low lead will take out a trump honour. Then the other honour can be forced out by the lead of the Jack on the third round of the suit. Note that a 4-2 split with both honours in the long hand leaves South in a hopeless situation, since he cannot prevent the loss of three trump tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable you held:

♠ A Q J 9 8 7  
 ♥ 7 2  
 ♦ Q J 4  
 ♣ A K

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Maker
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three spades. You have a strong enough hand to be reasonably confident of making a game. The spade suit is strong enough, moreover, to take care of itself even if your partner has only a small singleton.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for two no-trump, 30% for three no-trump.

### Question No. 687

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 5 2  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ Q J 4  
 ♣ A K 9 3

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Burnstone	Schenken
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer: Saturday)

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## BENCH MEET HERO IN DOCK

When Walter Crow, twenty-six-year-old private in a Scottish Regiment, appeared with two other soldiers at Weymouth Police Court charged with stealing a nine-gallon barrel of beer from a brewer's dray, the magistrates met a hero.

"This man saved my life at Dunkirk," his officer said to the Bench.

"He took a boatload off the beach and when he got alongside a British destroyer the captain ordered him aboard."

### Rude To Captain

"He refused. There was plenty of mess flying about and we were being machine-gunned and bombed, but he was quite rude to the captain and came back to the beach and took off two officers, including myself, and eighteen men."

The officer added, "All the men belonged to a patrol which is considered the cream of our battalion, as far as fighting is concerned."

Crow and his two companions were bound over, but the Bench ordered them to pay for the cost of the beer which they had taken.

Pathetic stories were told when several Pioneers were court-martialled in London for being absent without leave.

Of Private Frank Sellars, who denied deserting H.M. Forces, his own officer, Captain Robinson, who defended him, said he had to refuse the man leave, but Sellars went home to see his sick child, who had since died. "Sellars," said Captain Robinson, "thought so much of his kid-die that it has affected his mental balance, and he has been wandering round not knowing where he was."

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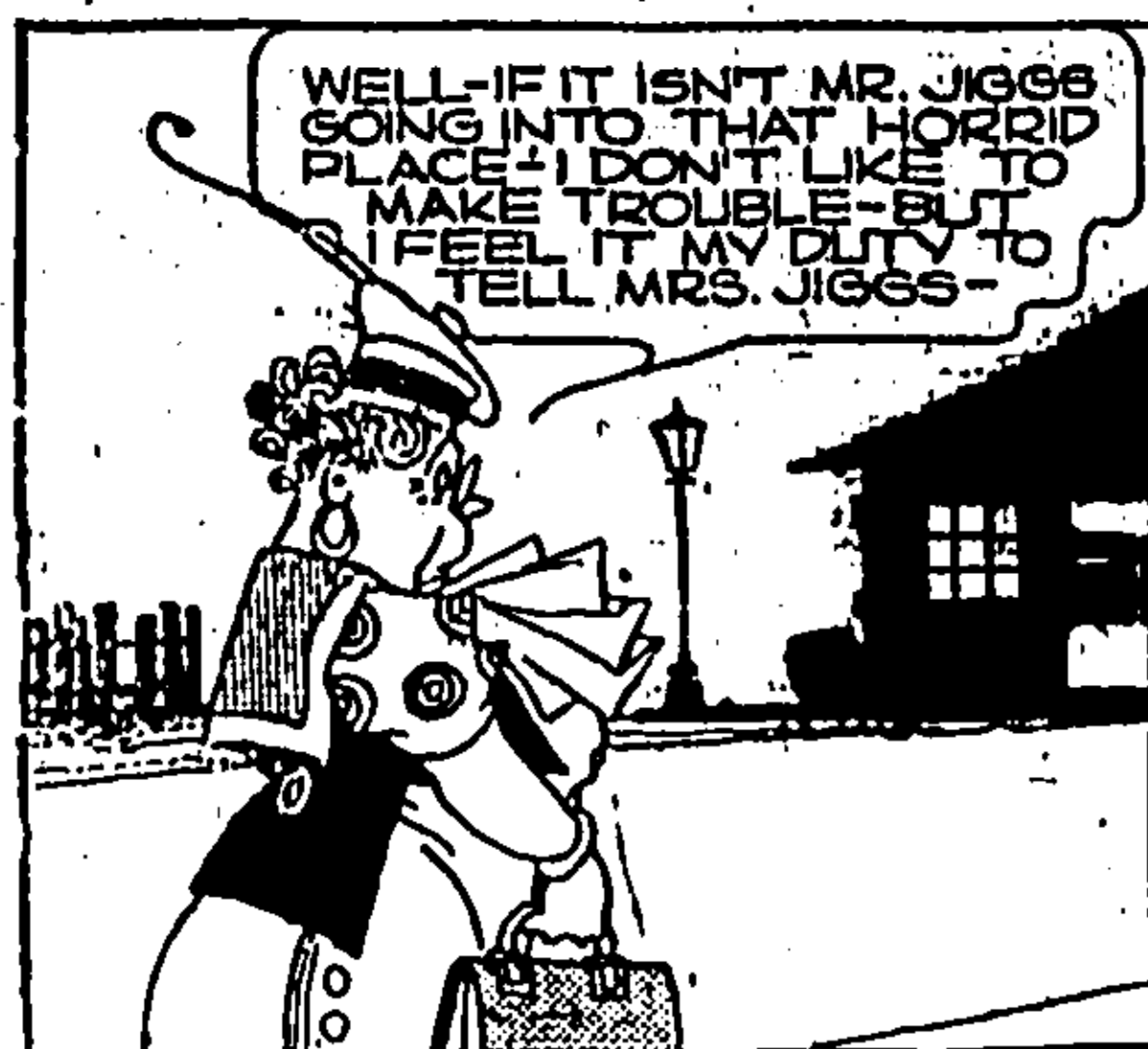
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By George MacManus



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## RADIO

12.15 p.m.-Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.-Variety with Gracie Fields, The Duncan Sisters and Allan Jones. T. Pi-Tin (Levee-Greer); Adam and Eve (Granat); The Duncan Sisters with Two Piano acc. I'm Falling in Love With Someone (V. Herbert); Allan Jones (Vocal) with Orchestra. Would A Manx Cat Wag Its Tail (Haines); That's What Puts the 'Sweet' in Home, Sweet Home (Newman); Gracie Fields (Comedienne) with Orchestra. Costi Costi (film 'Everybody Sing'); Allan Jones (Vocal) with Orchestra. Sweet Onion Time in Bermuda (Coslow); The Duncan Sisters with Two Piano acc. The One I Love (film 'Everybody Sing'); Allan Jones (Vocal) with Orchestra. They All Make Love But Me (Evans); Gracie Fields (Comedienne) with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.-Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.-Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

Two Tired Eyes (film 'Cock O' The North'); When I'm With You (film 'Poor little rich girl'); Your Heart and Mine (from 'Blackbirds of 1938').

1.11 p.m.-A Light Instrumental Programme.

Goodnight Vienna (from the film)....

Len Fills (Hawaiian Guitar) with Orchestra. Gershwin Fox-Trot Medley: Slow Tempo-Oh Lady be Good; S Wonderful; Looking for a Boy; Fast Tempo-Fascinating Rhythm; Clap Yo' Hands; That Certain Feeling....Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins (Two Pianos) with string bass &amp; drums. La Precieuse (Couperin); Fair Rosemary (Kreisler); Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Piano. Aria Con Variazioni (Mozzani); Mario Maccaferri (Guitar).

1.30 p.m.-Reuter &amp; Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.-Schubert-Symphony No. 4 in C Minor ('Tragic').

1st Mov: Adagio molto-Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Menuetto (Allegro vivace) &amp; Trio; 4th Mov: Allegro....Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli.

2.15 p.m.-Close down.

5.45 p.m.-Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.-Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.-Scenes from 'Noel Coward's 'To-night at 8.30'.

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 Blue Danube-Waltz (Strauss); Vienna Blood-Waltz (Strauss); De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra. Love Everlasting (Frill); I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood); Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. Sweet Violets-Waltz; My Treasure-Waltz (Becucci); Russian Novelty Orchestra. Always (from 'Puritan Lullaby'); Love, I Give You My All (from 'Luana'-Besly); Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. Voices of Spring-Waltz (Strauss); Ferdie Kauffman & His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.-Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.-Albert Sandier and His Orchestra.

Live, Laugh and Love (from 'Congress Dances'-Heymann); Jealousy (Gade); Tell Me To-night (from the film); Where the Woods are Green (Brodsky).

8.15 p.m.-Studio-Local Newsletter.

8.28 p.m.-Compositions of Liszt.

Spanish Rhapsody - Intro: Folies d'Espagne-Jota. Aragonese-Finale

Egon Petri (Piano) and The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dimitri Mitropoulos. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 in F....London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Sonetto Del Petrarca No. 123; Feux Follets....Anatole Kitain (Piano).

9.00 p.m.-London Relay-The News.

9.15 p.m.-London Relay-Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.-Studio-Recital by Captain Thomson (Bass) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. Prologue from 'Pagliacci' (Leoncavallo).

2. Toreador's Song from 'Carmen' (Bizet).

3. (a) The Windmill (Nelson); (b) Bless this House (Mary Brahe); (c) The Revel (Wallace); (d) Trotting to the Fair (air Stanford).

9.45 p.m.-News in French (op Short Wave only).

9.50 p.m.-Orchestral Interlude.

Impressions D'Orient - Descriptive (Amadei); Souvenir D'Ukraine - Descriptive (Ferraris)...Armando Di Piramo &amp; His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.-London Relay-'To Talk of Many Things'.

10.15 p.m.-Dance Music with Variety.

Fox-Trots-Boogie Woogie; Maxine; High Society....Bob Crosby &amp; His Orchestra. Vocal &amp; Piano-Only

When You're In My Arms (film 'The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle'); I Get Along Without You Very Well....'Hutch' (Leslie Hutchinson).

Fox-Trots-Mind, The Handel's Hot; Dearest, I Love You

Arthur Young and Hatchette's Swingtette featuring Stephanie Grappelly. Vocal-You Took Me Out Of This World (Acman &amp; Others)....Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot-Sweet Georgia Brown....Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.

Vocal-The Man I Love....Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

Dobie-Dobie, Slow Fox-Trot-You No To Quiero....Orchestra Mahalo

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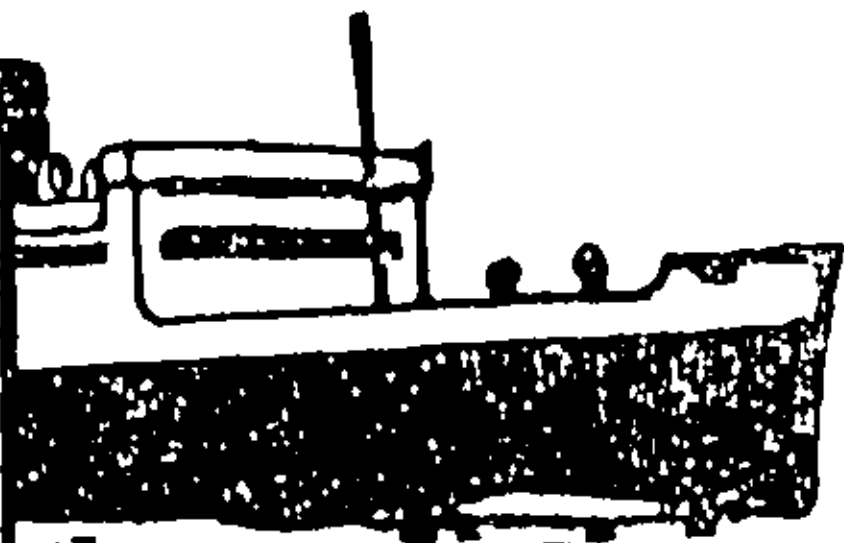
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## ARMY 6-A-SIDE HOCKEY

Keen and interesting hockey was witnessed at Sookunpoo Army playing field yesterday, when 10 matches in the preliminary and first rounds of the Army Six-A-Side Hockey Tournament were completed.

The finest match of the day saw Sappers defeat Middlesex "B" by three clear goals.

The "B" and "C" teams from 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, scored victories over Royal Army Service Corps and G. M. Hospital, respectively.

The second round, semi-finals and final will be completed this afternoon, the first match commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

2 4th Punjab "A"	2 Signals	0
(Mohammed Ali Khan)		
5th A.A. "A"	1 R.A.O.C.	0
(Ran Singh)		
2 4th Punjab "B"	3 8th H.B. "A"	0
(Lieut. Rose)		
(Jawad Singh)		
Middlesex "A"	2 8th H.B. "B"	1
(Caul and Marriable)		
5th A.A. "B"	1 R.A.S.C.	0
(Lieut. Plummer)		
R.E. "A"	3 Middlesex "B"	0
(Denyer 3)		
R.E. "B"	0 R.E. "C"	0
(R.E. "B" won)		
5th A.A. "C"	3 G.M. Hospital	0
(Lieut. Clarke)		
(McCarten 2)		
Punjab "A"	0 5th A.A. "A"	0
(Won by 1 short corner)		
Punjab "B"	0 8th H.B. "C"	0
(Won by two short corners)		

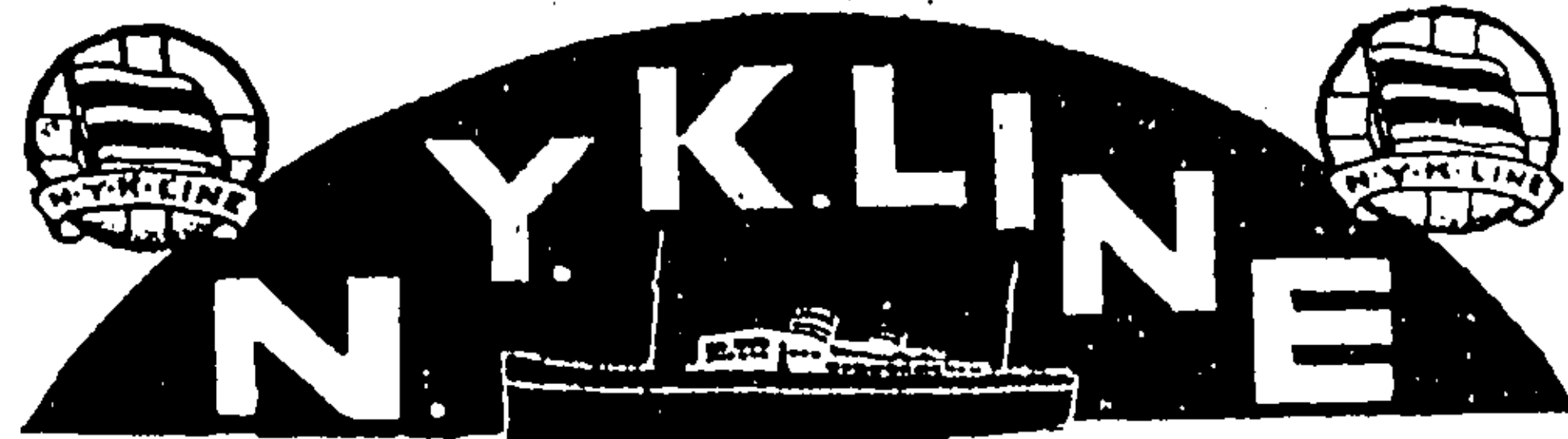
### Some Teams

Following were some of the teams:  
Signals: Gorman, Spire and Coombe, Rumford, Lander and Harrington.  
R.A.O.C.: Luckhurst, Bull and Jack, Hobson, Ryan and Adams.  
Middlesex "A": John, Crowley and Waldron, Caul, Marriable and Coomer.  
5th A.A. "B": Delabunt, Bagginton and Burroughs, Plummer, Coughlan and O'Hara.  
R.E. "A": Bowling, Croston and Homburg, Singleton, Denyer and Shaw.  
R.E. "B": Marriable, L. Martin and Saxby, Fishlock, G. Taylor and T. Taylor.  
R.E. "C": Briddle, Grant and Sheldrake, Westwood, Goodwin and Tison.  
5th A.A. "C": Scollon, Baisby and Clarke, Clague, McCarten and Wood.  
G.M. Hospital: Scriven, Bhui Singh and Kartar Singh, Mohammed Ayub, Pym and Allen.

## ONE-ARMED M.C. TO REJOIN REGIMENT

Captain Adrian Hopkins, former Mayor of Bath, who won the M.C. and lost an arm in the last war, is to rejoin his old regiment, the R.A.

He is to take a gunnery course. The captain is chairman of Bath A.R.P. as well as one of the best known stamp collectors in the country.



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San Francisco.		
Taketoyo Maru	Tuesday,	20th May

(starts from Kobe)

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*Azuma Maru	Thursday,	17th Apr.
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SAIGON

*Matumoto Maru	Thursday,	10th Apr.
*Matue Maru	Thursday,	24th Apr.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

Hakone Maru	Sunday,	13th Apr.
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RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

*Matumoto Maru	Thursday,	10th Apr.
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KOBE & YOKOHAMA

*Azuma Maru	Thursday,	17th Apr.
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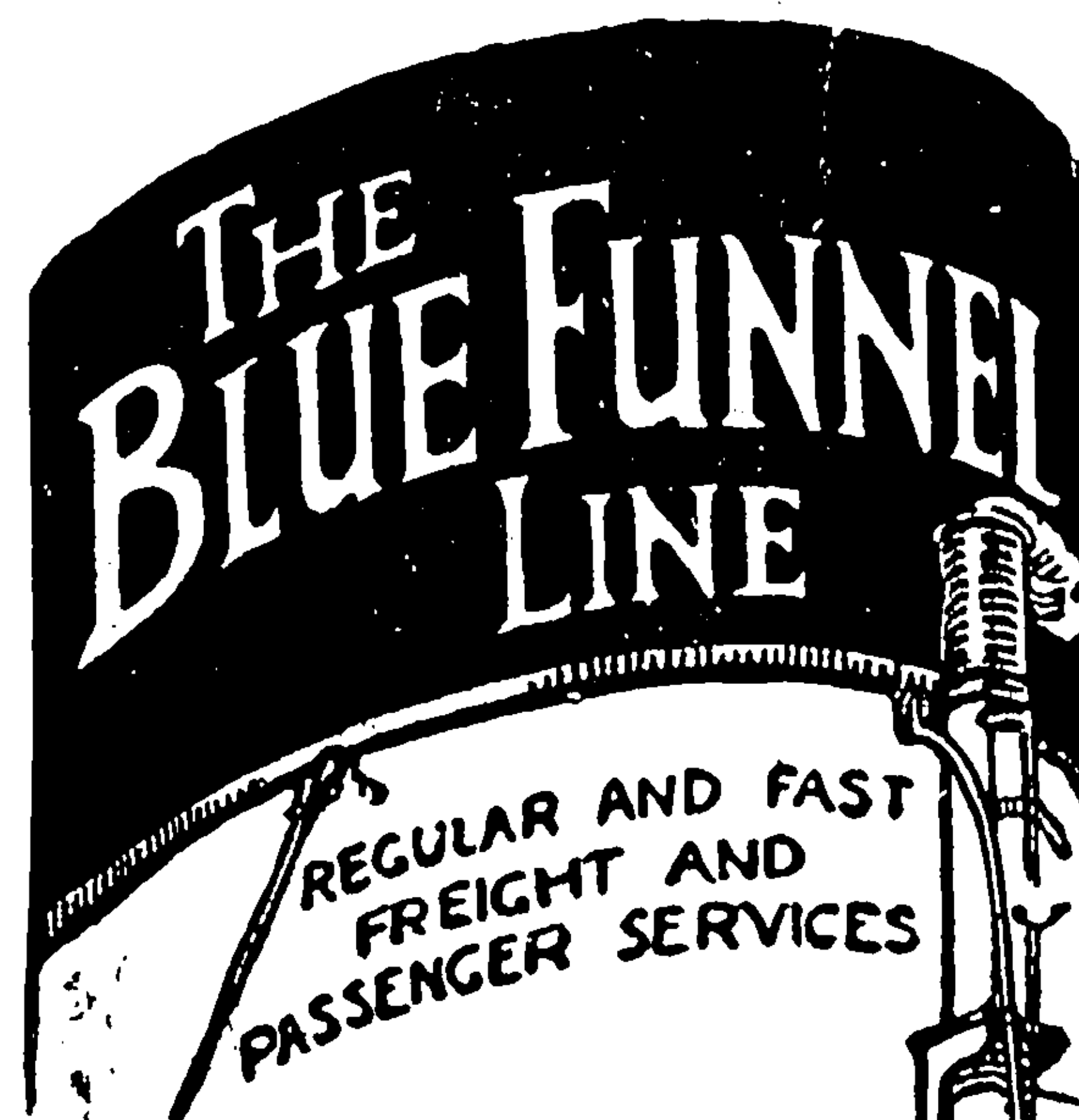
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# CHOA PLAYS LIKE VETERAN TO EXTEND TSUI WAI-PUI

## Big Threat To Ex-Champion In Second Set Thrilling Tennis On Stand Court

By "Adrem"

ON STAND COURT OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY IN THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS EVENT, TSUI WAI-PUI, FORMER HOLDER, BEAT GEORGE CHOA 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

From the scores and from a knowledge of Tsui's game, one would assume that the C.R.C. player had been kind to the youthful Choa, but there was far more to it than just that. I have little doubt that when the match started Tsui was inclined to be kind but at one stage in the second set I am convinced that for the first time since he was beaten by ever-green Sirdar Rumjahn in the final last year, he was a little worried as to the final outcome of a match.

George Choa gave a surprise. After several such rallies I felt ingly polished display even if one like a man invited to the house bears in mind the magnificent of an old maid, a revered friend fight against Sirdar Rumjahn in the final, who goes along the tournament before last. For expecting sarsaparilla or some a large portion of the match he thing equally foul and a real was dictating terms. When both with really decent whisky?

### Fine Strokes

Such strokes as Choa exploited yesterday were perfectly produced, except for a drop shot which

### TENNIS RESULTS

The following were the results of Club matches.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould beat G. W. Sewell and D. M. Ma. Doubles, 6-4, 7-5.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

J. Theobald and Mrs. Torrie beat Dr. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade, 9-7, 6-4.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

J. Stirling Lee beat E. B. Childe, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2.

## LEAGUE TENNIS REMINDER

Hon. Secretaries of Tennis Clubs are reminded that entries for the League must reach Mr. C. J. Tachet, c/o Kowloon Cricket Club, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, by Wednesday, the 16th inst. accompanied by representative names (with addresses and telephone numbers) for each division entered.

Registered players for the various divisions must also be sent in, according to New Rule No. 4 which states: "At least one week before the commencement of the League season every Club participating in the League shall register with the League Secretary the names of four players as the nucleus of every team entered in the A, B and C Divisions. Such registered players will not be allowed during the season to play in any lower division than that for which they are registered."

was neither one thing nor the other, and it is a great pity that he is not more robust as, in addition to his technical ability, he has the right temperament as at no time did he give the impression of being overawed by his opponent's reputation.

Yesterday he hustled Tsui as that expert has not been hustled for a long time. Following up deep drives down the sidelines, or occasionally cross court, he volleyed crisply and accurately, to score most of his points by these methods. His service was the better of the two and he was by far the more aggressive player.

Tsui was unusually weak on the backhand and only on rare occasions did he pull out those fierce passing shots on the wing we have become accustomed to expect.

On the forehand the length of Choa's drives forced him into errors and his most profitable stroke yesterday—the one which eventually broke up Choa's game—was his uncannily controlled drop-shot.

Early in the game he made occasional sorties to the net but later Choa countered these moves with a clever half-court shot which usually caught him at his feet.

### The Play

Exchanges were even in the first set, Tsui keeping a game ahead until the ninth game, when Choa broke through to lead for the first time at 5-4. He followed this up by taking the next game, much to everybody's surprise, for the first set.

Tsui started off confidently in the second set and making good use of his drop-shot, led 4-1. Choa then staged a great rally and drew up to 4-all and had a great chance of taking the next game, in which event, Tsui would definitely have had his back to the wall. The ex-champion was now worried. For the first time he appeared to feel conscious of the danger of losing, but he still pulled out an occasional winner and so struggled through to level the issue.

Choa was exhausted in the final set and after putting up a great fight for the fourth game, which would have made it 2-all, he weakened visibly and only occasionally rallied; when some of the most thrilling exchanges of the match resulted. Choa made no effort in the last two games and Tsui went out at 6-2.

## K.C.C. RETAINS SENIOR CRICKET TITLE: SAME TEAM PLAYED IN ALL 5 LEAGUE ENGAGEMENTS

By "Adrem"

THERE HAVE BEEN so many interruptions to the cricket season just concluding that the decisive match played on Saturday by Kowloon Cricket Club, which gave them the senior championship, did not arouse the interest that might have been forthcoming had things been more normal.

In consequence the Kowloon Club's success, without in any way meaning to belittle their efforts, was rather on the hollow side.

K.C.C., unlike most other teams, has not had to turn out each week with a different eleven and it is an extraordinary fact that the same eleven men represented them in all five League matches.

D. J. N. Anderson was the mainstay of the batting—his lowest score in five innings was his 38 last week—and Lloyd and Francis Zimmerman were the most successful bowlers, although Robbie Lee bowled steadily throughout without meeting with much success.

### Uninteresting Play

Saturday's match was very uninteresting, an early l.b.w. decision against Richardson having a big effect on the morale of the K.C.C. field.

Colledge batted brilliantly from his first over, Fortescue played a good defensive knock and Hawkins hit hard and often, if in somewhat unorthodox manner, for an exceedingly useful 27.

Set to score only 95 for victory, K.C.C. were never in any difficulty, Anderson scoring a painstaking 38 and most of the early batsmen reaching double-figures.

Baker bowled steadily and Perry cleverly but the remainder of the Civil Service attack was singularly ineffective and worried nobody but the C.S.C.C. captain!

### Best Combination

Although the K.C.C. attack has at times caused some anxiety, there is little doubt that the team as a whole has proved itself to be the best in the Colony and if, as I said, the winning of the title once again under the circumstances prevailing was rather a hollow success, it was no fault of the team, which gave splendid support throughout to the popular skipper, Teddy Fincher, to whom congratulations are due.

University, who after a lean period, have once again established themselves among the Colony's leading teams, are fairly certain to finish runners-up.

### Surprisingly Easy Win

In the hopes of K.C.C. slipping up against Civil Service, they took no chances against Craighengower on Saturday and won with surprising ease.

Craighengower had first knock and bad batting more than anything else resulted in them being dismissed for only 77, which would have been much less had it not been for a useful last-wicket stand between V. H. White and Leo Choa.

White, whose activities hitherto have been confined to soccer, played a really useful innings, besides later keeping wicket very well, while Choa played one or two first-class strokes in his modest score of 9 not out.

Gang took 4 for 10 but these figures definitely flattered him and Singh got among the rabbits to finish with 3 for 11.

University lost Tam early to a brilliant catch by Souza but Matthews batted breezily for 33 in which were several beautifully timed on-drives played from a

couple of feet outside the off stump.

### Junior Division

In Junior Division, K.C.C. and Craighengower, with only the fixture between themselves outstanding, will now fight it out for honours, the match having been fixed for Saturday at Cox's Road.

### Veterans Shine

K.C.C.'s veterans, Frank Goodwin and Willie Hung, skittled Civil Service out for 84, Madar and Goodban then helping materially to knock these runs off, while heroes of the Craighengower's match against Revere were Lock and Leonard, in the batting line, and A. M. Omar in the attack.

Omar bowled really well on Saturday and he will be the man K.C.C. will have to watch, as he may win the all-important match off his own bat—or should it be ball!

## ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

The golf teams to represent Kowloon and Happy Valley in the annual match tomorrow have been selected as follows:

KOWLOON	HAPPY VALLEY
8.50 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
R. K. Collings	D. S. Edward
8.54 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
A. J. Dennis	K. S. Robertson
8.58 a.m.	2.05 p.m.
K. G. McKenzie	A. McKellar
9.02 a.m.	2.05 p.m.
T. B. Low	T. Low
9.06 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
H. F. Phillips	A. C. I. Bowker
9.10 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
A. L. Eastman	W. Sharp
9.14 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. C. Simpson	H. H. Mundy
9.18 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. V. Ahern	A. D. Humphrey
9.22 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
T. Lam	I. M. S. Lloyd
9.26 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
F. C. Barry	A. H. Penn
9.30 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. W. Ramsay	G. E. Willerton
9.34 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. A. Lopes	N. J. Bebbington
9.38 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
E. F. Fincher	C. F. J. Simpson
9.42 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
S. Jex	N. J. Booker
9.46 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
J. McKelvie	G. Davies
9.50 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
W. Kernshaw	W. Stoker
9.54 a.m.	2.40 p.m.
E. C. Fincher	N. D. Booker
(Reserve)	2.40 p.m.
9.58 a.m.	M. A. Cairns
J. Coles	
(Reserve)	

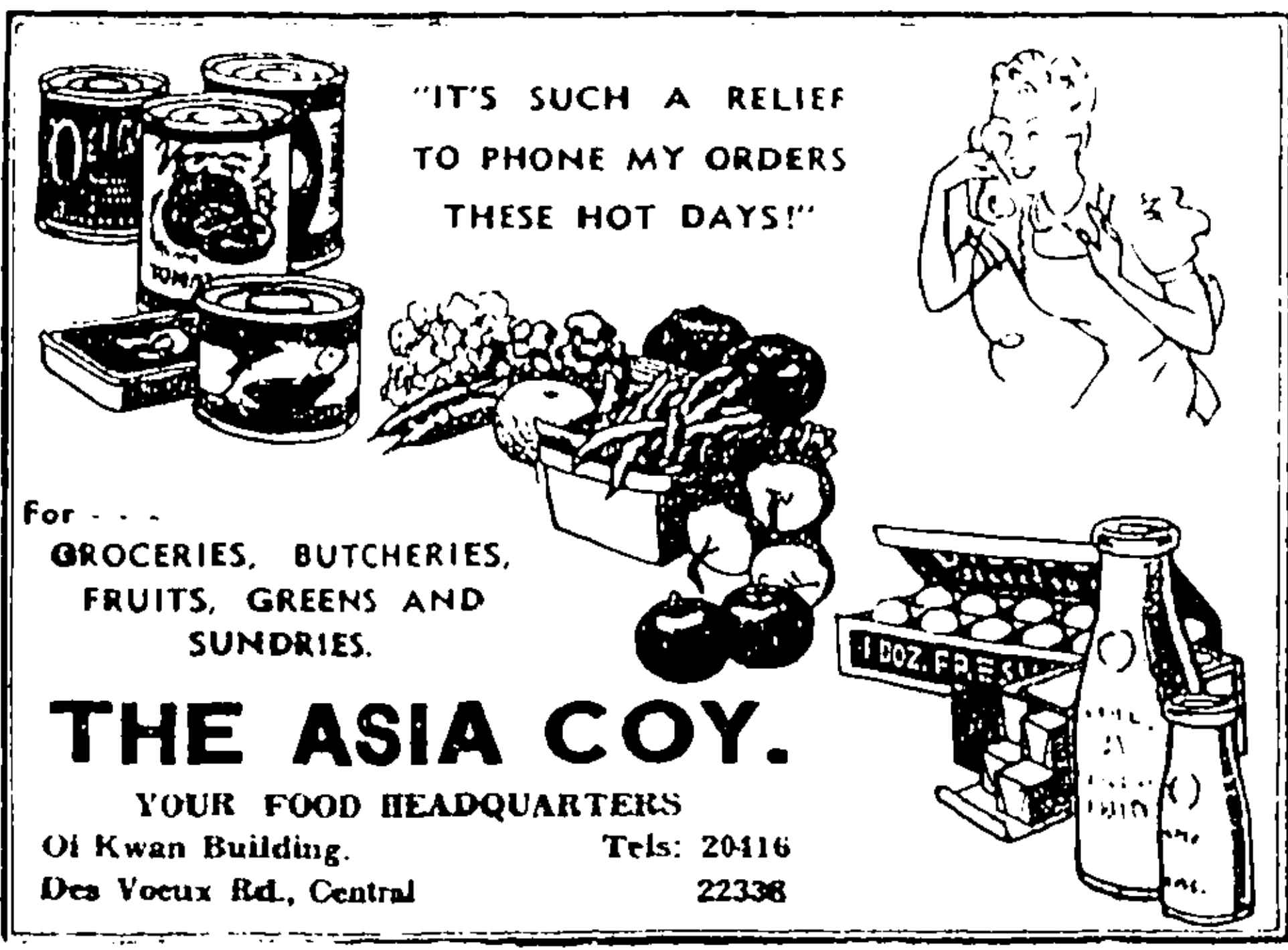
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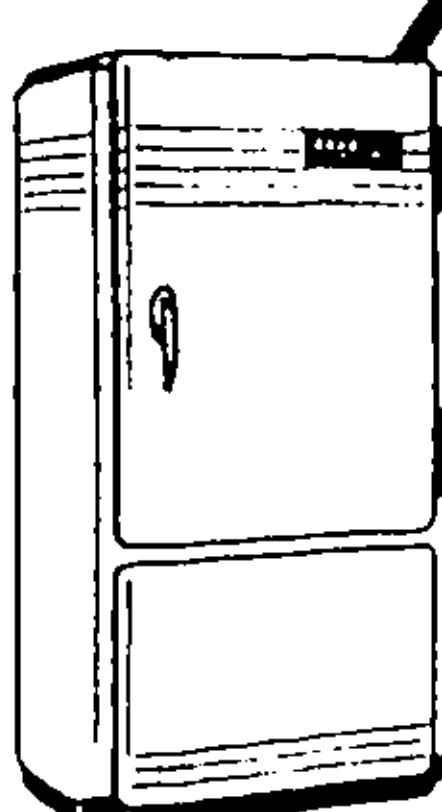
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### Daylight & Sylvandale For The 'Daily Double'

By "Rapier"



Racing enthusiasts will be well catered for during the Easter holidays, during which Hong Kong Jockey Club will hold their Third Extra Race Meeting, spread over two days. The first saddling bell will be rung at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the first race starting at 11.30 a.m., and the tiffin interval will be taken after the fourth race. The same procedure will be adopted on Monday.

The programme on each day will consist of 12 events, and with a satisfactory number of entries received there should be keen competition for honours.

The main events are the Brisbane Spring Handicap on Saturday, and the Easter Stakes, which will be decided on Monday.

Commander D. H. S. Craven has now fully recovered from the effects of the injury, which he suffered as a result of a fall whilst riding Melody Star on the second day of the Annual Meeting, and will ride on both days.

#### RACE NO. 1 MIRS BAY STAKES FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST

The programme on Saturday opens with a sprint event for China ponies, griffins of this season, weight 142 lb. with a 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes, with winners barred.

Looking over the ponies entered, I think the winner will come from one of the following:

Eve of Deception (Mr. Davis); Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei); Night Express (Mr. Ip Kuying); Odeon (Mr. Needa); and, Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Craven).

Iron Beauty and Odeon will both carry top-weight of 146 lb.

although I do not feel inclined to recommend the former, owing to the injury received after coming second to Charles in the Ladies' Stakes at the First Extra Meeting.

Despite its failure at the last meeting in the Kongsun Plate, Odeon is capable of winning if given a good start, otherwise I suggest Wonderful Scheme as the likely winner.

Night Express is also quite fast, whilst Eve of Deception should not be overlooked.

I nominate Wonderful Scheme to win, with Odeon second and Night Express third, leaving Eve of Deception as the outsider.

#### RACE NO. 2 CALLIOPE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILES POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

"B" Class Australian ponies will figure in this race with a proviso that subs. of 1941 that have won \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Starlight (Mr. Wei) is still capable of winning in view of its success in the Stewards' Cup over the same distance at the last meeting. It will be carrying 10 lb. more on Saturday but it is superior to the other contestants, although Gloaming (Mr. Poy) which was fourth in the Stewards' Cup, and will be receiving 10 lb. from Starlight on Saturday, should give a good account of itself.

A Happy Time (Mr. D. Black) may be worth following on account of its win in the Austral Valley Stakes over the mile at the Annual Meeting.

For an outsider, I suggest Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis) in view of the fact that it will be carrying 147 lb.

#### RACE NO. 3 WYALONG STAKES FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST

The third race, which will be contested by Australian ponies, griffins of this season, weight 142 lb. with a 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes, with winners barred, is another sprint event.

The ponies to watch are: Gay Fox (Mr. Poy); Hascossay (Mr. Davis); Misty View (Mr. Pih); and, Tropical Love (Mr. Liang).

Hascossay was beaten in the Yarra Stakes over this distance by Gloaming, and with the latter pony not competing in the race, it is about the best choice here, though Gay Fox must not be ignored as it is quite speedy over this distance.

Misty View is not fast enough, but for those who believe that there is a possibility of an upset here, I would recommend Tropical Love.

Hascossay is my fancy, with Gay Fox second and Misty View third.

#### RACE NO. 4 TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) ONE MILE

Novice jockeys will be given mounts in this race on "D" Class China ponies and a good race is expected. From the entries the winner should be among the following:

Blue Field; Boolat Bay; Eve of Hunting (Mr. Coppin); Rose-Queen (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan); and,

Strathbannock (Mr. Sequeira). These are the best ponies and it boils down to a question of picking the jockey with riding ability.

Rose-Queen is undoubtedly the best pony and on form alone, should have little difficulty in accounting for this race. Under Mr. Coppin, Eve of Hunting will also be in the running, but it may find strong opposition from Strathbannock.

Mr. S. W. Lee has the choice of either Blue Field or Boolat Bay and which ever he decides to take out should be worth considering.

#### RACE NO. 5 ROSEHILL STAKES (FIRST SECTION) FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to 1941 Australian Subscription ponies, weight 142 lb. and 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes, winners barred.

Over this distance anything is liable to happen and my advice is to study the positions drawn carefully as a good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing.

Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should be the best bet for a win here owing to its speed over this distance, but as it is inclined to bore out on rounding the bend for home I am afraid I cannot place much reliance in it and must, therefore, place the spotlight on Daylight (Mr. Wei).

In the Randwick Plate (Second Section) Daylight came in third to Corsair and Bona Vacantia respectively and on that performance I feel confident that it will win on Saturday.

There is also A Rosy Time (Mr. Hearne) to be considered as this combination is promising, while Snow White (Mr. Pih) is also a dangerous contender.

I fancy Daylight for first place, with A Rosy Time second and Snow White third.

#### RACE NO. 6 BRISBANE HANDICAP: TWO MILES

This is the main attraction for Saturday and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season with ponies classified "A" that have won \$2,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941, barred.

I am afraid that out of the 12

### THROUGH TICKETS FOR RACES

The "China Mail" learns from Messrs. Linstead and Davis that the sale of through tickets for the Easter Race meeting will close to-day. The office will be closed to-morrow (Good Friday).

ponies entered only half will start as many have an engagement later in the afternoon. I expect the following to face the starter:

A Grand Time (Mr. Y. K. Tu); Australian Diamond (Mr. Cheng); Baffin Bay (Mr. Chao); Brown Derby (Mr. Black); Brutus (Mr. Trevorton); and, Centre Court (Mr. Needa).

The race should, therefore, resolve into a battle between Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay, both carrying 159 lb. The former pony had the better of Baffin Bay in the Melbourne Cup over this distance and many will contend that it is good enough to win again but I feel it will have to be at its best to do this. In the Broken Hill Handicap Baffin Bay was fourth and I think its last quarter run will prove the deciding factor.

For the third position, Brutus seems to be the choice in view of its success in the Ladies' Purse at the Annual Meeting.

#### RACE NO. 7 TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double", which will feature "D" Class China ponies with novice jockeys again riding, and it is extremely difficult to spot the likely winner.

Sylvandale (Mr. Coppin), although unplaced at Macao on Sunday in the Lingnan Handicap (Five Furlongs), should command the most respect in this race, and I expect to see it win, but Sunlight View (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) is also due for a win and should offer a keen fight.

Portrush (Mr. Li Shiu-fai), with only 135 lb. to handle, is dangerous and should be watched. It will be recalled that in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section) last year this pony led from start to finish and won whilst carrying 152 lb.

King's Worthy (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), which came in second to Lovely Star at Macao on Sunday in the same race in which Sylvandale ran, is also competing and is capable of challenging towards the end as it is very fit at the moment.

My selections are Sylvandale to win, with Portrush and Sunlight View fighting it out for second place.

#### RACE NO. 8 ROSEHILL STAKES (SECOND SECTION) FROM THE 1 1/2 MILE POST

Second section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941, will try conclusions here and in my opinion the race will be fought out between Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan), Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) and Tobaccoship (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

Fresh Air is certain to command the most support in the betting, and if it runs true to form I cannot see it being beaten. Newborn Star was not seen in action in the last two meetings, but as it is fighting fit at the moment it should give Fresh Air a great fight if it does not actually beat it.

The distance suits Tobaccoship very well, and if Mr. Botelho can get this pony out in front after rounding the bend, it should have a good chance of winning.

I expect Fresh Air to win, with Newborn Star second and Tobaccoship third.

#### RACE NO. 9 HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This race is confined to "B" Class China ponies, and for its win in the Canton Handicap (Second Section), Avon (Mr. Black) has been promoted to First Section.

Although it has been given only another pound penalty, I am afraid it is not good enough to win here, I, therefore, look to Johnner (Mr. Chao), which was fourth in the Canton Handicap (First Section), to redeem its past failures by winning a race for the first time this year.

There are Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa) to be reckoned with, however, as it ran very well to win the Happy Valley Spring Handicap over the mile at the Annual Meeting, carrying 152 lb., as against only 142 lb. it will be carrying on Saturday.

Gay Star (Mr. Craven) is not bad, but is unlikely to do better than place.

#### RACE NO. 10 CAULFIELD HANDICAP 1 1/4 MILES

Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have won at Race meetings held at the Valley will clash in this race in which ponies classed "A" are barred.

Judging by its last win in the Randwick Plate (First Section) and its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, Jus Gentium (Mr. Chao) is my choice for first place.

Mainsail (Mr. Black) should fill second place, with Santa-Anita (Mr. Liang) third, but Black Seal (Mr. Needa) must be regarded as a potential challenger.

#### RACE NO. 11 HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

In this race, the second section of "B" Class China ponies, the finish should be fought out between Rose Emily (Mr. Poy), Hughber (Mr. Chao), Eve of Reason (Mr. D. Black) and Galaxy (Mr. Chang).

For its second placing to Avon in the Canton Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting, Rose Emily should just about do it.

Eve of Reason, which dead-heated for first place with Conquering Time in the Gymkhana Handicap, will be running under new colours on Saturday and has a very good chance of winning. Hughber is likely to find the extra 171 yards to its liking and will probably place again.

For an outsider, I recommend keeping Galaxy in mind as the pony is only carrying 135 lb.

#### RACE NO. 12 CALLIOPE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

The second batch of "B" Class Australian ponies will fight out the finish of this, the final event, and an interesting struggle is expected.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne), which was a neck behind Devonian in the Moonee Ponds Handicap for second place, has a chance of scoring a win here as its weight is down by 4 lb. since that run and the distance is greater, whereas Pumbernickel (Mr. Pih), which was third in the Hobart Handicap (Second Section) may find the distance a bit too long for its liking.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy) is a likely danger as is Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), which has been very lightly treated.

Devonian (Mr. Black) has come down to 140 lb. and on that account I recommend it as an outsider.

I am inclined to favour Rowan to win, with Springhurst second and Venus Bay third.

### MIDDIES BEAT UNIVERSITY

Middlesex Regiment and the University held an athletic meeting at the Shumshup ground yesterday afternoon, the Middles outscoring the undergraduates to win by 30 points to 18. Outstanding performance of the afternoon was a half-mile run in 2 mins. 10 secs. by L/C Heather, of Middlesex Regiment, who triumphed over Pte. Manson of Royal Scots in this even, open to the Colony.

Pte. Lever, of Middlesex Regt., threw the javelin a distance of 167 feet 3 ins. for the best performance of the afternoon in the field events.

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# SOCCER REFEREES ARE FOUND TO BE EFFICIENT

**ALLEGATIONS THAT inducements had been made to players to leave their employment to go on tours was made at the Monthly Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday and rose out of a letter by Kwong Wah complaining of the attitude taken by Eastern on their recent tour.**

Arising out of the alleged inefficiency of Referee, at the last meeting, the report of the Referees' sub-committee stated that they found the referees had officiated at all games efficiently and to the best of their ability.

## Kwong Wah's Letter

The following letter was written to the Eastern Athletic Association on March 26 by Kwong Wah, which stated that two members of the staff of China Light and Power Co., Ltd., had informed the club that they had been approached by an official of Eastern to accompany them on a tour to Manila for which they will receive travelling expenses.

The letter asks Eastern to advise them that such an offer was not made by any responsible official, and further states that both the employees in question had been refused leave. Last year three members of the staff made similar application and accompanied a certain football team on tour with the result that they lost their regular employment.

The letter concludes that any action taken by a football club which may result in any young Chinese football player losing his regular occupation should be strongly discommendated by all responsible football officials.

Lau Fook chuen, referred to above, actually left his employment to join Eastern on tour.

## Referees' Efficient

The finding of the Referees' sub-committee, reported at the last meeting to enquire into the standard of refereeing was laid on the table.

The findings were: The question of referees' efficiency was discussed at length and it was decided that the following be submitted to the Council at its next meeting.

"With reference to the Kwong Wah and Eastern match we have gone into the matter fully.

In regard to the only written complaint received this Committee come to the conclusion that the game was conducted in accordance with the Laws of the Game and that the Referee carried out his duties to the best of his ability.

The Committee has received a report to the effect that his eyesight is normal.

The general efficiency of Referees was discussed and the Committee are satisfied that the games throughout the season have been conducted without complaint and therefore find no reason to take further action.

The Committee recommend that the revival of the system of reports on Referees should be carried out during the forthcoming season."

## Other Business

Advice has been received from the Shanghai Football Association that the players of the Tung Wah team of Shanghai have been suspended for an indefinite period.

As these players would not be permitted to play with teams affiliated to the Football Association, England, the Hon. Secretary was instructed that the names of the players concerned be circulated to all Chinese Clubs.

Permission was granted to Kwong Wah to visit Macao during the week-end.

An application from South China for permission to tour Malaya was left in abeyance, until South China had received advice that Malaya would accommodate them.

The recent happenings in Manila

## YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

Following are yesterday's soccer results:

**FIRST DIVISION**  
Club 2 Kwong Wah 0

**SECOND DIVISION**  
S. China 1 Engineers 2

**THIRD DIVISION**  
Engineers 2 24th R.A. 1  
36th R.A. 1 12th R.A. 1

# ARMY BOXING

The last fight of the evening, the first string welterweights between L/Cpl McGready (Royal Scots) and Drum Major Holdford (Middlesex) decided the Army Inter-Unit team boxing championship last night when Royal Scots beat Middlesex 23-22 to retain the Championship Shield and Governor's Trophy for the second year in succession.

Bantamweight: Pte Hope (Middlesex) beat Pte Bailey (Royal Scots) on points.

Featherweight: Pte Noble (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl Morley (Royal Scots), knockout first round.

Pte Laws (Royal Scots) beat Pte Winkoth (Middlesex) on points.

Lightweight: Pte Cavanagh (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl Milroy (Middlesex) on points.

Dim Chalkfield (Middlesex) beat Pte Mellan (Royal Scots) technical knockout second round.

Pte Frenchum (Middlesex) beat Pte Gibb (Royal Scots) on points.

Welterweight: L/Cpl McGready (Royal Scots) beat Drum Major Holdford (Middlesex) on points.

Sgt Ritchie (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl Eaton (Middlesex) on points.

Pte Callagan (Royal Scots) beat Pte Geist (Middlesex) technical knockout third round.

# ST JOHN'S WIN "B" DIVISION

St. John's won the championship of "B" Division of the Badminton League at Club de Recreio last night when they defeated Chung Wah by six games to three.

H. Eardley and David Kwok (St. John's).

beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21-12

beat C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 21-15

beat W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy 21-11

G. S. Ladd and N. B. M. Whitley (St. John's).

lost to Leung and Chiu 9-21

lost to Chiu and Liang 4-21

lost to Choy and Choy 2-21

N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's).

beat Leung and Chiu 21-8

beat Chiu and Liang 21-11

beat Choy and Choy 21-8

Pte Urquhart (Royal Scots) beat Pte Pearson (Middlesex) technical knockout second round.

Middleweight: Pte Cooper (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl More (Royal Scots) on points.

Cpl Cooper (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl McGready (Middlesex) on points.

L/Cpl Fookes (Middlesex) beat Pte McNally (Royal Scots) on points.

Light-Heavyweight: Pte Emmerson (Royal Scots) beat Cpl Fox (Middlesex) on points.

Heavyweight: Pte Moran (Middlesex) beat Lieut Millar (Royal Scots) on points.

# LADIES' SOFTBALL TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following is the draw for the first round of the International Softball series to be played on Sunday:

Portugal v Great Britain (9.30 a.m.)

Philippine Islands v China (10.45 a.m.)

India v Canada (12.00 noon)

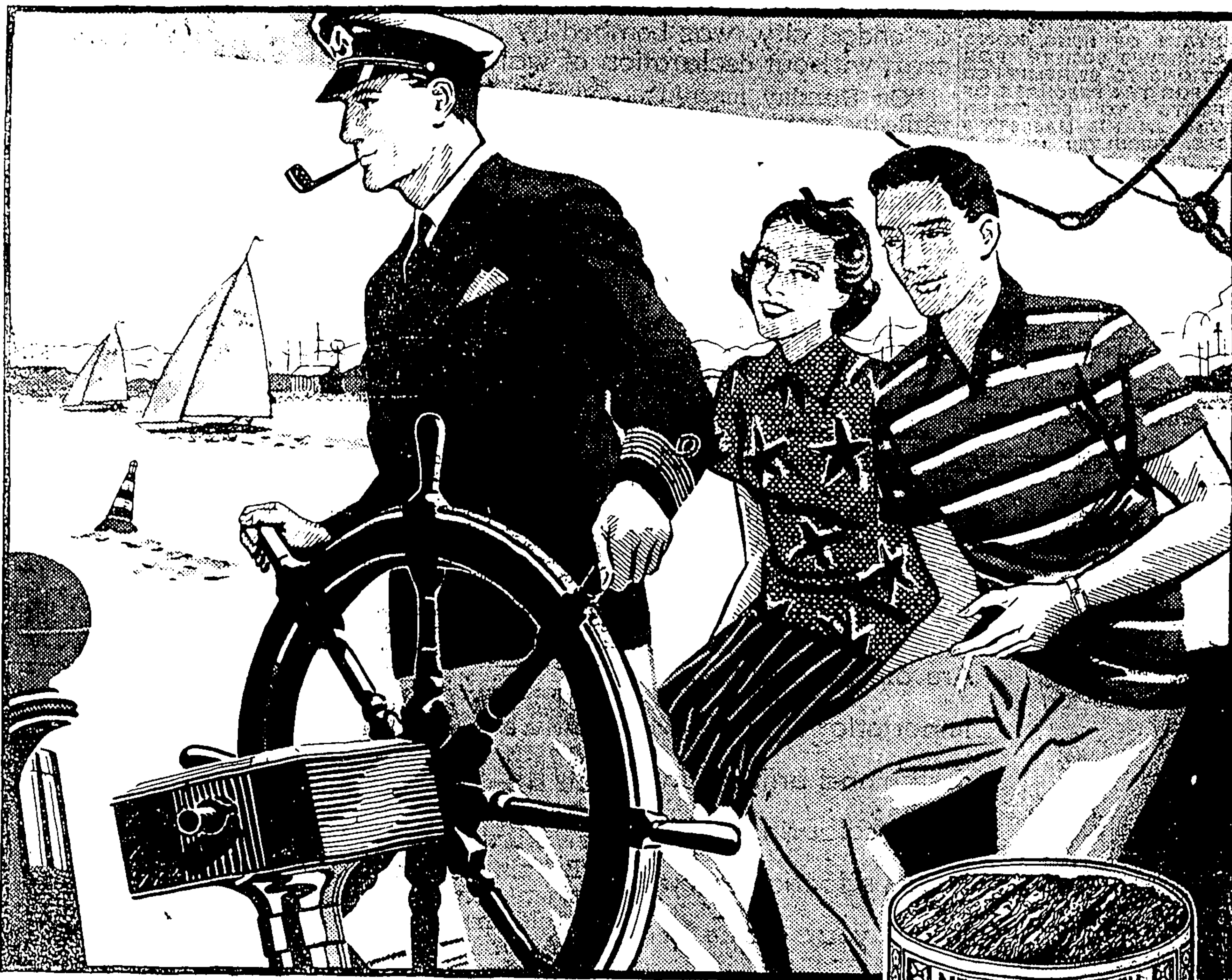
The U.S.A. team, drew a 'bye'.

The following have been selected to represent the "All-stars" team against the Wildcats, in Easter Monday's charity game on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 2.30 p.m.

Pitcher—Mary Ng (Canuckettes). Catcher—Dot Louie (Canuckettes). 1st base—Yvonne Yolie (Wahoos). 2nd base—Celeste Marques (Panthers). 3rd Base—Alice Mar (Canuckettes). S. Stop—Irene Castilho (Wahoos). L. Field—Theresa Marques (Panthers). C. Field—Theresa Noronha (Wahoos). and R. Field—Betty Fitzgerald (Cardinals).

Utility—Elegem Babida (Cardinals). Gladys Hutchinson (Cardinals) and Vivian Louie (Canuckettes).

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# BELGRADE LEFT A MASS OF RUINS

## Horror Of Sunday Morning Bombing Officially Told

### Royal Palace Destroyed: Savage Nazi Attacks

THE ROYAL PALACE IN THE SUBURB OF BELGRADE WAS DESTROYED BY 30 BOMBS DURING THE MASS GERMAN AIR RAIDS ON THE CITY ON SUNDAY. THIS IS DISCLOSED IN A MESSAGE FROM THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ADDRESSED "TO ALL CIVILISED PEOPLES."

#### GENEROUS DONATIONS OF LOCAL SCOTS

A RECENT APPEAL BY THE CHIEFTAIN OF HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY FOR DONATIONS TO BE REMITTED HOME FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMFORTS TO SCOTSMEN SERVING IN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES, RESULTED IN THE COLLECTION OF \$5,737.90.

At a recent meeting of the General Committee of the Society, it was decided to send the equivalent of the above sum, namely, £355 12 7d., to the Scottish Red Cross Society, Glasgow, to be devoted towards the provision of parcels for Scottish Prisoners of War serving with the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Chieftain wishes to thank those members of St. Andrew's Society who so generously contributed.

The city was left "a mass of ruins and gutted homes," the message says. The statement reads: "We inform all civilised peoples of the frightful crime committed by the German armed forces in the war imposed on us.

"The capital of our country, which in good time was proclaimed an open and undefended city, was bombed by German aircraft without declaration of war.

"On Sunday morning, while the sound of church bells was calling the faithful to church for divine service, a bombardment eclipsing in horror all imagination was launched by German planes.

"A veritable deluge of incendiary and explosive bombs turned the city into a mass of ruins and gutted homes, while all streets of Belgrade were covered with the bodies of children, women or men.

#### Palace Destroyed

"This devastation of a defenceless open city was executed by aircraft of that nation which claimed for itself first place among cultured peoples.

"All precepts of international right and human considerations were set aside by the German planes, which destroyed most of the hospitals, churches, schools and cultural institutions in Belgrade in broad daylight.

"The Royal Palace was destroyed by 30 bombs.

"German planes even bombed isolated houses, killing thus Dr. Koulouvetz, Leader of the Slovene people and a member of the Government.

"Horrible scenes occurred when German planes machine-gunned women and children fleeing their burning houses."—Reuter.

#### BRITAIN WILL WIN

"Britain will win," Vice-President Henry A. Wallace told the Foreign Policy Association in New York yesterday.

"Only defeatism on the psychological and economic front in the United States can prevent it. A Nazi victory and a Nazi peace is unthinkable.

"To avoid such a calamity we will help ourselves through helping England by all methods short of war.

"Our help must be such that neither a madman nor a mad nation will ever again have an opportunity to kill millions of people and destroy millions of dollars worth of property." — Reuter.

#### RAIDLESS DAY IN BRITAIN

ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED DURING FIGHTER PATROLS OVER THE ENEMY-OCCUPIED COAST YESTERDAY, AND ONE BRITISH FIGHTER IS MISSING.

There was no enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique.

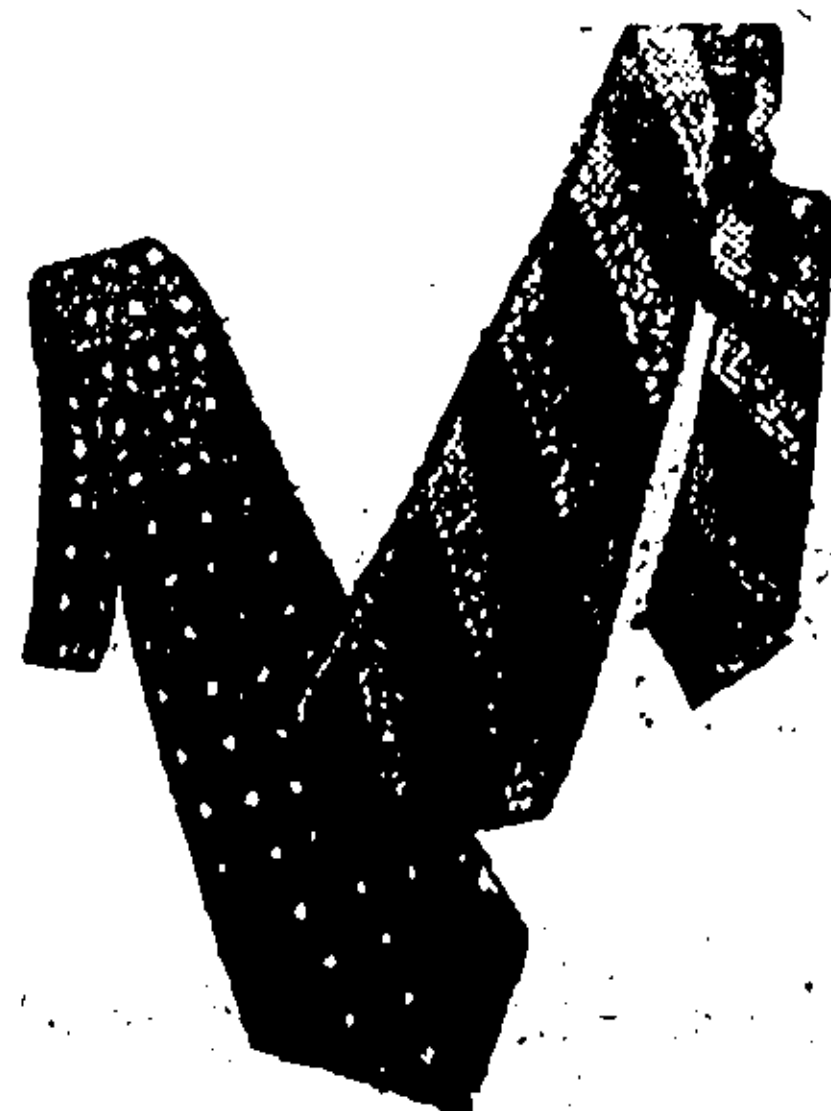
No alert was sounded in the London area up to a late hour last night. — Reuter.

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## MILITARY SITUATION IN BALKANS ANALYSED

### HAVOC IN RAIDS ON REICH

Details of the havoc wrought in Bremen and Wilhelmshaven raids in recent months have now reached London.

Several workshops at the Atlas shipyard in Bremen were demolished, and a few of the important flour and seed-crushing mills and cold stores were hit.

Factories damaged included the Focke-Wulf aircraft assembly plant.

The Deschimag shipyard, which produces every class of warship except battleships, has been repeatedly bombed.

In attacks on Wilhelmshaven several of the most important engineering shops were destroyed or damaged and work on warships rendered difficult for some time to come.

#### Naval Barracks Hit

Several public buildings were destroyed or gutted, including important naval barracks buildings, where casualties among personnel were heavy.

The results will become apparent with the difficulties which Germany will experience in keeping her naval forces in full fighting trim and in delays to new construction. — Reuter.

### ADDIS ABABA CAPTURES

Order is being successfully preserved in Addis Ababa, it was officially stated in Nairobi yesterday.

Important stocks of arms and material of all kinds have been captured.

The large number of prisoners captured includes two Blackshirt battalions, complete with over 60 pilots and 1,000 air force ground personnel.

Indian troops participated in the capture of the Abyssinian capital. — Reuter.

### ENEMY TRANSPORTS TORPEDOED

The Admiralty announced last night: "One of our submarines in the Central Mediterranean has carried out a successful attack on a southbound convoy of heavily-laden transports and supply ships."

A ship of about 12,000 tons was hit by two torpedoes. A ship of about 6,000 tons was also hit by a torpedo. — British Wireless.

### TURKEY TO CONTINUE AS NON-BELLIGERENT

It is understood that the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, told the People's Party on Tuesday that the Government would in the meanwhile continue the policy of non-belligerency, continuing closely to watch developments affecting Turkish interests. — Reuter.

### POPE PEACE APPEAL ABANDONED

The Pope's plan to make a peace appeal in his Easter address is believed to have been changed.

The address precedes the blessing "Urbi et Orbi" on Sunday.

A message received in Berne from Rome states that following the extension of the war to the Balkans, the Pope feels it is impossible to make a peace move at the present time. — Reuter.

### JAPANESE ACCEPT COMPROMISE

MR. TATEKI HORIUCHI, JAPANESE CONSUL - GENERAL, HAS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL THAT THE NOMINATION OF THREE JAPANESE COUNCILLORS TO THE S.M.C. WAS DECIDED AT A MEETING OF THE JAPANESE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION. IT WAS LEARNED.

The three Japanese nominated include Mr. Yutaro Hanawa, manager of the Shanghai branch of the M.B.K., Mr. Issaku Okamoto, a lawyer and former Japanese consul-general at Singapore, and Mr. Yasuzo Yajima, manager of the Shanghai office of the N.Y.K. — Reuter.

## Germans Nearly Through Waist Of Yugoslavia

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE ENTRY OF GERMAN ADVANCE DETACHMENTS INTO SALONIKA NOT ONLY MEANS THE LOSS OF THE CAPITAL OF MACEDONIA BUT CUTS THE GREEK ARMIES IN THE FIELD IN TWO.

There may be several Greek divisions in Thrace and eastern Macedonia and they are practically surrounded.

While the German armies are thus engaged in the south, other forces have practically cut through the Yugoslavian waistline and are now advancing northwards and westwards so as to threaten with encirclement and main forces which are being hemmed in in old Serbia.

At the same time, while the Yugoslavs are still opposing German pressure from Rumania, Hungary and Austria, some of their forces have penetrated Albania and should create a diversion in the Italian rear.

It is obvious from this exposition of the military position that the immediate outlook in the Balkans must be regarded as serious, but it is significant that the Germans have not yet come up against the British forces.

#### Not Yet Lost

This would suggest that the defence of Salonika was not part of Britain's plan.

Britain's force is one not lightly to be disregarded.

The Battle of the Balkans has not yet been won or lost. It is learned in authoritative circles in London that no British or Imperial troops were in the sector of the Vardar.

#### Heavy R.A.F. Attacks

The R.A.F. continued on Monday vigorous resistance to enemy troops in aiding Greece and Yugoslavia, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Heavy attacks were delivered against tanks and motor transport convoys in the Lake Dolran area. Bombs were observed to burst among tanks and vehicles on roads between Strumica and Dolran and a bridge under a railway at Devderija was damaged by direct hits.

#### HUNGARY ENEMY TERRITORY

The Government of India yesterday declared Hungary enemy territory, says Reuter from New Delhi.

#### German Statement

A special communique issued by the German High Command yesterday says that strong German armoured units, advancing southwards from Yugoslavia, have taken Salonika.

German troops have also occupied a town about 100 miles to the east of Salonika and have reached the Aegean coast. — Reuter.

### ITALY'S REPRISAL

Italy has demanded the recall of the United States assistant Military Attache, Captain W. C. Bentley, who is also Military Attache for Air, from the Embassy in Rome.

This was announced by the State Department in Washington yesterday.

The United States recently demanded the recall of the Italian Naval Attache, Admiral Lais, and in their demand Note, apparently a reprisal, the Italians say Admiral Lais has ceased to function and will leave the United States without delay. — Reuter.



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# PREMIER ADOPTS A GRIM TONE

## Warns France That Blockade Will Be Enforced

### NORWAY URGED TO PATIENCE

KING HAARON, BROADCASTING FROM LONDON ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSAULT ON NORWAY YESTERDAY, APPEALED TO NORWEGIANS TO "DO NO RASH ACT WHICH MAY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FOR THE WHOLE OF OUR PEOPLE."

He added: "The days to come may be hard and you may have to endure even greater privation than you have yet known, but stand firm, do not lose courage and look confidently towards the not far distant day when Norway will rise again."—Reuter.

### R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

In Abyssinia, camps and other military objectives in the Gondar area were bombed on Sunday and Monday by R.A.F. aircraft and a Free French squadron.

Direct hits were made on aerodrome buildings at Gondar, one of which caught fire.

South African aircraft successfully attacked motor transport in the Asella area.

Enemy landing grounds in Gyrana were bombed and troop concentrations continuously attacked.

From all operations all British aircraft returned safely to base. —Reuter.

### PARLIAMENT'S THANKS

A resolution of thanks to the Forces and the workers, moved by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday, was carried unanimously.

A similar motion was carried in the House of Lords on the motion of Lord Moyne, Leader of the House. —Reuter.

### YUGOSLAVIA WAR RELIEF

The Hydrobad State War Purposes Fund has decided to contribute £1,000 to war relief in Yugoslavia. —Reuter.

## Soviet Advised To Watch Ukraine

TURNING TO FRANCE, IN THE COURSE OF A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, CORDIALLY WELCOMED MARSHAL PETAIN'S DECLARATION THAT FRANCE WOULD NEITHER ACT AGAINST HER FORMER ALLY NOR TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST HER.

Mr. Churchill added; "We must, however, realise that the Vichy Government is in the hands of the Germans. I wish to make it clear that we must maintain our blockade against Germany and those rights of contraband control at sea which have never been lost.

"Nevertheless we have allowed in practice very considerable quantities of food to go to France out of a sincere desire to spare the French people every hardship in our power.

"When, however, it comes to thousands of tons of rubber and other vital war material, which passes directly to the German armies, we are bound, even at the risk of a collision with French warships at sea, to enforce our rights as recognised by international law. (Cheers).

"There is one other form of action into which Vichy might be led by the dictation of Germany, namely the sending of powerful war vessels, which are unharmed or even damaged, from French African ports to ports in metropolitan France which are either under the control of the Germans or may, at short notice, fall under their control.

"Such movements of French war vessels will alter the balance of naval power and would thus prejudice the interests of the United States as well as our own.

"Therefore I trust that such an incident will be avoided, or if they are not avoided, that the consequences which will follow from them will be understood and fairly judged by the French nation."

### R.A.F. Power

Mr. Churchill continued "I am glad to be able to report a continued and marked improvement in the relative strength of the R.A.F. as compared with that of Germany.

"Also I draw attention to the remarkable increase in its actual strength and in its bombing capacity and also a marked augmentation in the power and size of bombs which we

shall be using in ever increasing numbers.

"The ports, which we are now accustomed to make upon German harbours and cities are increasing in numbers. In some cases we have already in our raids exceeded in severity anything which a single town has in a single night experienced over here.

### German Raids

"At the same time there is a sensible improvement in our means of dealing with German raids upon this island. Now moonlight periods are looked forward to by the R.A.F. as opportunities for inflicting severe deterrent losses upon raiders as well as for striking hard at the enemy in his own territory.

"The fact that technical advisers welcome light—daylight, moonlight and starlight—is pregnant with hope and with meaning.

"But after all everything turns upon the Battle of the Atlantic which is proceeding with growing intensity on both sides.

### Shipping Losses

"Our losses in ships and tonnage are very heavy and vast as are our shipping resources. These losses could not continue indefinitely without seriously affecting our war effort.

"We have lost since the beginning of the war nearly four million tons of British shipping. As against this we have gained, under the British flag over three million tons of foreign or newly constructed tonnage.

Therefore at the moment our enormous fleets sail the seas without any serious or obvious diminution.

"But what is to happen if losses continue at the present rate? Where are we to find another three or four million tons to fill the gap which is being created to carry us on through 1942?

"We are building merchant ships upon a very considerable scale. We are doing our utmost to accelerate the turn round of our ships.

### Gigantic Building

"But, when all is said and done, the only way in which we can get through 1942 without a very sensible contraction in our war effort, is by another gigantic building of merchant ships in the United States to that prodigy of output accomplished by the Americans in 1918.

"We have an assurance that several million tons of American new-built shipping will be available for the common struggle

during the course of next year. (Cheers).

"Here, then, is our answer

upon which we may count. It is a power without which it will not be possible to save the world from the criminal."

"I am confident that we shall succeed in coping with the attack upon shipping in the western and north western approach."

### Hint To Eire

"I hope that eventually the inhabitants of the island may realise that it is as much in their interests as it is in ours that the ports and air fields should be available for naval and air forces which must operate even further into the Atlantic."

"The defeat of the U-boats and surface raiders has been proved to be entirely a question of adequate escorts for convoys.

"It would indeed be disastrous if the great masses of weapons, munitions and instruments of war, made with the toil and skill of American hands and loaned to us under the Aid to Britain Bill, were to sink into the depths of the ocean and never reach the hard-pressed fighting line.

"It would be a result lamentable to us over here and I cannot believe it would be found acceptable to the proud and resolute people of the United States. (Cheers).

### Revenue Cutters

"I am authorised to state that 10 United States revenue cutters, fast vessels of about 2,000 tons displacement with a fine armament and a wide range of endurance, have already been placed at our disposal by the United States Government and will soon be in action. (Cheers).

"It is of course very hazardous to try to forecast in what direction Hitler will employ his military machine in the present year.

"HE MAY AT ANY TIME ATTEMPT AN INVASION OF THIS ISLAND. IT IS AN ORDEAL FROM WHICH WE SHALL NOT SHRINK."

"At the present moment he is driving fast through the Balkans and at any moment may turn upon Turkey.

### The Ukraine

"But there are many signs which point to an attempt to secure the granary of the Ukraine and the oilfields of the Caucasus, as a German means of gaining resources with which to wear down the English-speaking world.

"ONCE WE HAVE GAINED THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AND ARE SURE OF A CONSTANT FLOW OF AMERICAN SUPPLIES, THEN, HOWEVER FAR HITLER MAY GO OR WHATEVER NEW MILLIONS OR SCORES OF MILLIONS HE MAY LAY IN MISERY, ARMED WITH THE SWORD OF RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE, WE SHALL BE ON HIS TRACK. (LOUD CHEERS).—REUTER."

### HABEAS WRIT FOR WOMAN

A woman with a son in the Forces and a man who pleaded he had been confused with another were each granted a writ of habeas corpus in the King's Bench Divisional Court.

Both are detained under the Defence Regulations. The woman, Mrs. Mathilde Randall was stated to have been held since July.

Mr. A. H. Morsby, her counsel, said the ground for her detention was that "she was born in Germany of German parents, and had expressed sympathy with the German cause."

She was British by marriage to a British soldier twenty years ago.

Her plea was that her case had been before the Advisory Committee of the Home Office, which had told the Home Secretary that they had formed a favourable decision about her.

### "Gangster" Charge

Mr. Harry Sabini, it was stated by his counsel, Mr. G. O. Slade, was detained on June 14 on the ground that there was reasonable cause for believing that he was a person of hostile origin.

Actually, he was born in England.

It had also been said of Mr. Sabini, added Mr. Slade, that he was "a dangerous criminal of the gangster type liable to lead insurrection in this country."

That was emphatically denied. Mr. Slade said the notice served upon Mr. Sabini had described him as "alias Harry Handley." He had no knowledge of that name and could assume only that he had been confused with another person.

Mr. Justice Humphreys said that it might well be that Mr. Sabini had been confused with another man of a similar name. The matter wanted clearing up.

### MR. GAUSS PREPARES TO LEAVE

MR. CLARENCE E. GAUSS, NEWLY-APPOINTED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, IS DEPARTING TO-DAY FROM NEW YORK, FOR CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WILL VISIT HIS FAMILY, AND WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA LATER.

Mr. Gauss called at the White House yesterday, bidding farewell to President Roosevelt. He later told Pressmen that he was glad to return to China where he has many friends.

It is reported that he may meet Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, before going to Chungking. —Central News.

### SINGAPORE BANS JAPANESE BOOKS

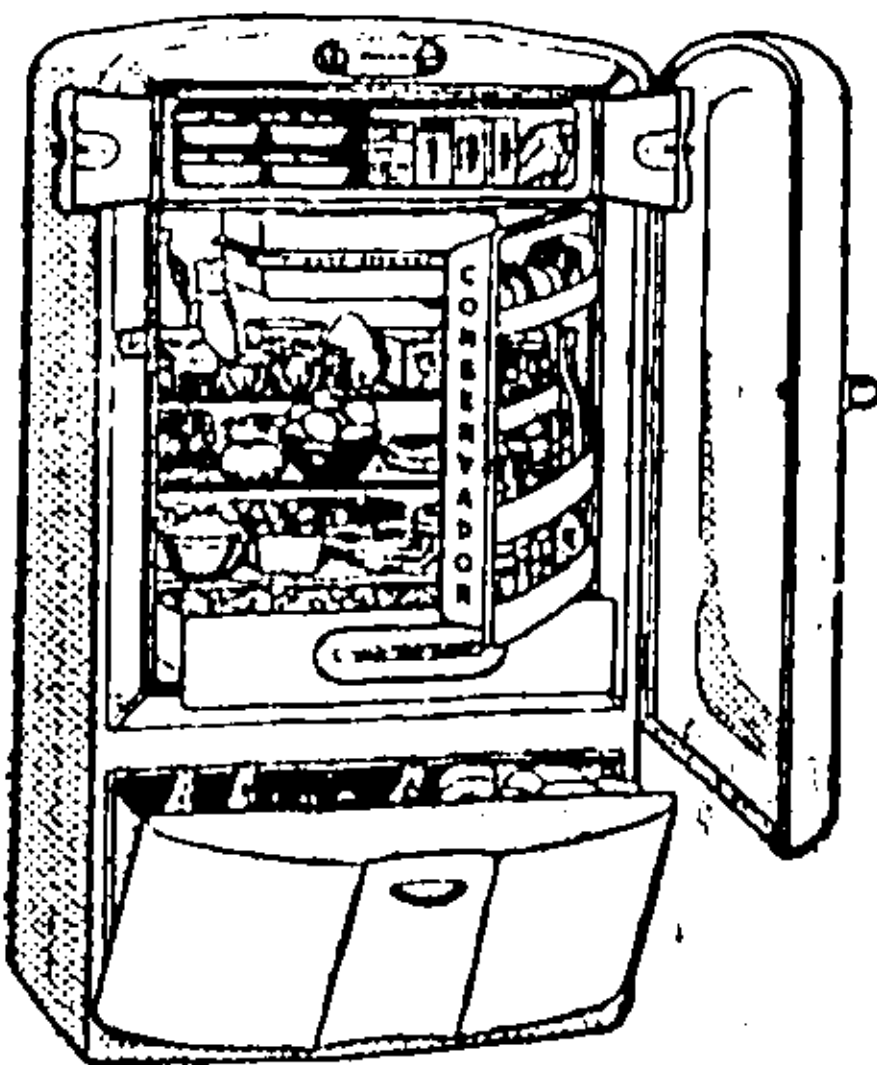
The Straits Settlements authorities have banned the importation of new Japanese elementary school textbooks which have been adopted for use in schools in Japan, says a Japanese report.

The books were banned, it is added, because "some of the contents" are against British national policy. —Reuter.

### U.S. COAL STRIKE TO END

An agreement in the American bituminous coal industry strike "sufficient to assure the country that there will be no danger of a coal shortage," is announced by Mr. J. R. Steelman, Federal Government negotiator in the dispute. He did not indicate when the bituminous mines would re-open. —Reuter.

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# British Forces In Libya Making Stand At Tobruk



Hong Kong's new Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pennefather Evans, photographed yesterday with the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. C. G. Perdue.

## DIAMOND WEDDING GIFT—A MEMORY

It was their diamond wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bird sat hand in hand in the front row of the chairs in the village hall.

All their neighbours were round them. There were garlands on the wall. And they were watching a charming little play which obviously, thought Mrs. Bird, must have taken a great deal of work to prepare.

And it was all for them for their diamond wedding day. "People here are so kind," whispered Mrs. Bird to Mr. Bird. She is eighty-five. Mr. Bird is ninety. They live in Westerfield, Suffolk, a village of 127 kindly people—good neighbours. The Westerfield folk know that a diamond wedding is an event. They also know that a couple aged ninety and eighty-five are by no means too old to be given another happy memory.

They booked the village hall. Volunteers hung it with garlands. Fourteen village children were rehearsed in a fairy play.

The play was already one of Mr. and Mrs. Bird's memories. It was written by their son, Captain Cyril Bird when he was twenty-one, for their silver wedding. It had not been acted since.

Now one of their daughters, Miss Claire Bird, produced it.

### And A Bouquet

And when Mr. and Mrs. Bird, guests of honour, sat down in the front row in the village hall to watch this diamond wedding performance, they saw a grand-son and a daughter taking part on the stage.

When the play was over—it had a happy ending, of course—the rector spoke the village's congratulations to the old couple.

And as a climax a bouquet from the villagers was handed to Mrs. Bird. Her diamond wedding bouquet.

My parents loved every minute of it," Miss Claire Bird said. Said a villager: "We enjoyed seeing them so happy."

And Mrs. Bird said: "It brought much joy to our anniversary. The people here are so kind."

### JOE LOUIS STILL THE CHAMP.

Joe Louis retained the World Heavyweight Title when he beat Tony Nusto on a technical knockout in the ninth round at St. Louis.—Reuter.

## REINFORCEMENTS TAKE UP STRONG POSITIONS

**BRITISH TANKS AND OTHER REINFORCEMENTS IN LIBYA ARE NOW ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES IN STRONG FORTIFICATIONS AT TOBRUK.**

This was revealed by Lord Moyne, the Colonial Secretary, speaking in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Moyne said the abandonment of Benghazi was a direct consequence of the reinforcements sent to Greece, together with withdrawals of armoured vehicles for overhaul.

### IN WIFE'S PLACE

It was likely that the Germans, following their 600 mile advance from Tripoli to Benghazi, were now facing growing difficulties regarding repairs, fuel, water and other supplies, and they lacked the sea power which supported Britain's spectacular advance.

Aided by sea power, British tanks were now establishing in force around Tobruk.

Lord Moyne expressed a hope that President Roosevelt would soon remove the Red Sea from the list of combat zones, now that Italian bases there had been liquidated.

This would enable American supplies to go direct via the Red Sea, saving shipping and time involved by trans-shipment.—Reuter.

## A PEOPLE'S WAR

MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, SAID IF EVER A WAR COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A PEOPLE'S WAR IT WAS THIS ONE.

He added: "If every leader the people had was struck down tomorrow, the people of this country and of the British Empire would fight on."

They would raise up for themselves new leaders because they had not been led into this war.

They had marched into it and had asked these leaders to take them into it.—Reuter.

## MASSAWA NOW FULLY OCCUPIED

**MASSAWA CAPITULATED on Tuesday afternoon and has now been occupied by British troops, states a communique issued by British General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.**

Meanwhile British mobile units are continuing their advance south and south-west along the Dessie-Gondar road.

In Libya the British rearguard whose role it was to delay the enemy advance while the main British concentrations were being completed, was heavily engaged all Tuesday by numerically superior forces.

Massawa was occupied by Imperial and Free French forces at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

The defenders abandoned their futile resistance against

Because his wife has had to stay at home to look after their young son, Mr. Harold Petty, of Rustington, near Worthing, Sussex, has taken her place in the W.V.S.

Two nights a week, for three weeks, dressed in Mrs. Petty's cotton-flowered overall, Mr. Petty, who is also in the Home Guard, has been peeling potatoes and washing-up with local members of the W.V.S.

Understudying like this for his wife, he gets his "leg pulled" by the boys.

"But I just don't take any notice," he told a reporter.

"My wife was missed when our kiddie John fell ill and she had to stay at home to look after him. It's the least I could do to lend a hand. I must say, though, it does seem rather strange, changing from my Home Guard-uniform into a pretty coloured overall."

Said Mrs. Petty: "My husband suggested taking my place. They tell me he's getting expert with household duties, too."

"Perhaps one day I'll have the opportunity of doing something for him in the Home Guard. That's if they'll let me."

### At Record Speed

A local W.V.S. member said: "We serve a lot of soldiers every night and missed Mrs. Petty's help no end."

"Mr. Petty is certainly making up for her absence. He washes up, peels potatoes and opens tins at record speed."

"We'll miss him when he goes. Besides, it's nice to have a man about the place."

### CENTRE OF GRAVITY OF WAR SHIFTS

"The centre of gravity of the war had gone from west to east and there is no need now to speak any further about an invasion of Britain," declared Col. Popoff in yesterday's "Red Star," issue of the Soviet Army.

Discussing the Balkans front, Col. Popoff says "The German command is facing a serious enemy." Reuter.

### TAKES BOMBED FAMILY OF 13

Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, Prime Minister of Ontario, Canada, has taken under his wing a family of thirteen who were bombed out of their home in London.

He calls his act "an experiment in practical Christianity."

The family are Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cooke and their eleven children, who reached Canada by way of Trinidad. They have been established on the largest of Mr. Hepburn's tenant farms in South

### WOMEN PATROL RIVER BY NIGHT

Two women are staunch members of an Upper Thames Patrol which guards the river between Bray and Maidenhead.

Known as "53" and "54" they have not missed a duty or parade since they began the work in May.

They have to contact everything that is moving on the river. "Fifty-four" told how, on an inky black night, she could not see anything, but sensed some obstacle. Only prompt action averted a collision with a boat moored in the centre of the river. In it a fisherman was sleeping.

During the summer twenty or thirty camping craft provided plenty of work each night. All had to be examined and occupants' identity cards inspected. Now river fogs are added to chill and darkness.

Fortunately a megaphone is frequently sufficient to warn people living on the banks of the river that they are showing a light, but sometimes a landing has to be made and a slippery bank climbed.

"Fifty-three" is married to the commanding officer, and "54" to the second-in-command, and as far as possible their duties on patrol are arranged to coincide with those of their husbands.

So far, despite the danger of shrapnel, they have no tin hats and they provided their own uniforms, with trousers, for duty.

Yarmouth, a township of Ontario.

Their storage bins are well filled with potatoes, onions, carrots and other vegetables, and there are stocks of sugar and flour.

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# FEAT OF INDIA'S TROOPS

"The whole Empire has been stirred by the achievements of the Indian forces in Eritrea," states Mr. Churchill in a personal message to the Viceroy of India yesterday.

"The story of the ardour and perseverance with which they seized and finally conquered the precipitous heights of Keren recalls memories of the North-West Frontier of long years ago, and it is as one who has had the honour to serve in the field with Indian soldiers from all parts of Hindustan, as well as in the name of His Majesty's Government, that I ask Your Excellency to convey to them and the whole Indian Army the pride and admiration with which we have followed their heroic exploits."

The Viceroy replied: "I have conveyed to the forces of India now fighting in Eritrea and to the whole Indian Army your generous message for which I on their behalf thank you most heartily."

"Coming as it does from one who all his life has sought battle and found it in many varied fields in all parts of the world and is now the fighting leader of the British Commonwealth of Nations, your message is an inspiration to us all." Reuter

## SEND ADOLF A BOMB

How would you like to buy a nice bomb, inscribe it with your name and a suitable message of good cheer such as "Have this one on me, Adolf!" and have it delivered to any destination you care to specify in Italy or Germany?

You'll be able to do it pretty soon if a new idea evolved by Mr. L. J. Kearley, of Wood Green London, N., catches on.

Mr. Kearley, who is Wood Green's A.R.P. medical storekeeper, has started a "Buy Your Own Bomb" campaign in the district. He is inviting neighbours to club together to buy their own bomb and name it.

"There are plenty of bomber funds and fighter funds," he said. "But what good are the bombers without the bombs?"

"Beside bombers cost such a lot of money. Thirty bob, however, buys a very useful incendiary—with the big H.E. fellows correspondingly dearer—and the money is very quickly and easily saved up."

### "A Real Kick"

"Anyone who has collected enough money for a bomb can get a real kick out of the knowledge that his contribution is doing a useful personal job of work—instead of, perhaps, paying for a couple of screws and nuts."

"We are organising dances and concerts locally, the proceeds of which will be put to the bomb fund."

"Then I hope to get hold of an empty shop in which to exhibit the bombcases so that anyone who wants to write a 'friendly little greeting will be able to do so.'"

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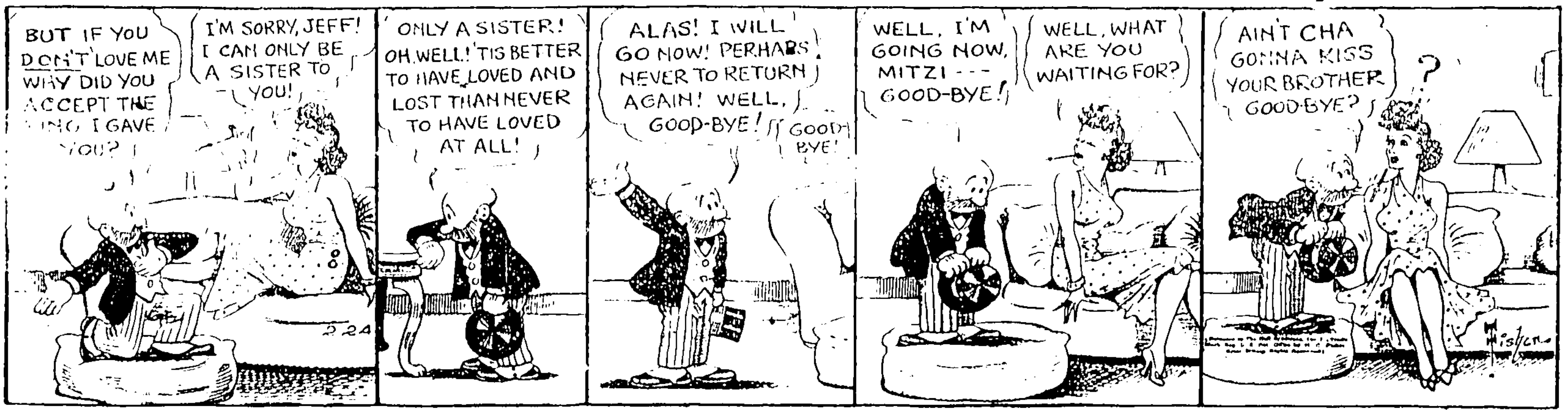
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# BACK FROM DEAD-SORRY HE'LL HAVE TO WEAR HAT

"THE ONLY THING that worries me is that I shall have to wear a hat for the first time in my life to hide this scar on my head."

Pieced together by surgical skill after his body had been shattered by a Nazi bomb, Thomas Bernard Northern, whom doctors have named "The Miracle Man" and "Museum Piece," said this to a reporter as lay propped up in bed at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham.

His legs slung up in a cradle and surrounded by hot water bottles, Northern, a forty-three-year-old labourer, laughed and drank a cup of coffee as he told how modern surgery saved his life after his home in Bitchfield, had received a direct hit by a bomb.

"My dear wife and I were alone in the house," he said. "She was killed outright, and I can only remember that I was stretching up to get an overcoat for her when everything went dark."

## Like Corrugated Paper

"That was nearly two months ago. Since then numerous surgeons have operated on me and been to see me."

"I had a fractured skull, in which I have twenty-nine stitches, a fractured collarbone, five ribs broken, my right leg broken in five places and my left leg in three places. I had

blood transfusions and was unconscious for about ten days. "Doctors told me I was like a piece of corrugated paper when I came into the hospital. They did not know how to start on me."

"It was much worse than being blown up by a shell in France during the last war, when I lost a kidney."

"But the surgeons and hospital staff have been wonderful and so very patient with me. I now feel a lot better and am able to eat, drink and smoke."

A sister said Northern had made a marvellous recovery because at first the doctor did not think he would live.

"The Duchess of Portland's secretary has written to us and asked if Northern can be moved to a hospital in Worsley," a hospital official said. "Apparently the Duchess is very interested in his case."

"At the moment we are afraid to move him."

# A.F.S. HERO INJURED—

To the rescue of six people trapped by fallen debris in a blazing building went an A.F.S. man. He dragged out all six. Then he collapsed and was taken to hospital.

Thirteen weeks later this hero was still in hospital. He then received a letter stating that he was dismissed from the A.F.S. It added that he would be re-admitted when he recovered—if there was a vacancy.

He is still in hospital, is receiving Unemployment Assistance Board relief amounting to about half the pay he would be receiving from the A.F.S.

This case is one of many. It is stated, because an Auxiliary Fire service man injured on duty, whether by enemy action or otherwise, is dismissed from the service if he has not recovered at the end of thirteen weeks.

This rule is the subject of a protest in a resolution to be drafted with a meeting of London A.F.S. men.

## Not Complaining

The resolution calls on the Government to remove this "shocking injustice" and asks for full pay for sick or injured colleagues until recovery, or for a pension as granted to regular firemen and members of the Armed Forces.

Said an A.F.S. man "We are not complaining about our work. We are pleased to be in a position to help our country and our fellow-countrymen and want to go on doing so as long as our services are needed."

"We are doing the same work in the midst of hostile action as the Armed Forces, and we ask to be treated in the same way when we are hurt in the course of our duty."

# "BRAIN SPLIT IN TWO"

Five times wounded, holder of the Military Cross and an acting captain in the last war, Guy Cochrane Veale Greetham, forty-four, a soldier, was at Bournemouth Quarter Sessions described by an officer as a man whose "brain seemed to have been split in two."

Greetham pleaded guilty to obtaining credit for £3 2s. 6d. by means of fraud and obtaining £1 by falsely pretending he was a captain in the Army and in possession of an Army draft for £28.

He also admitted three outstanding charges, one of falsely wearing a captain's uniform and two of false pretences.

He was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. Detective Jones said Greetham was placed on the retired list with the rank of captain in 1921, but five years later, on being convicted, was removed from the Army List and deprived of his rank.

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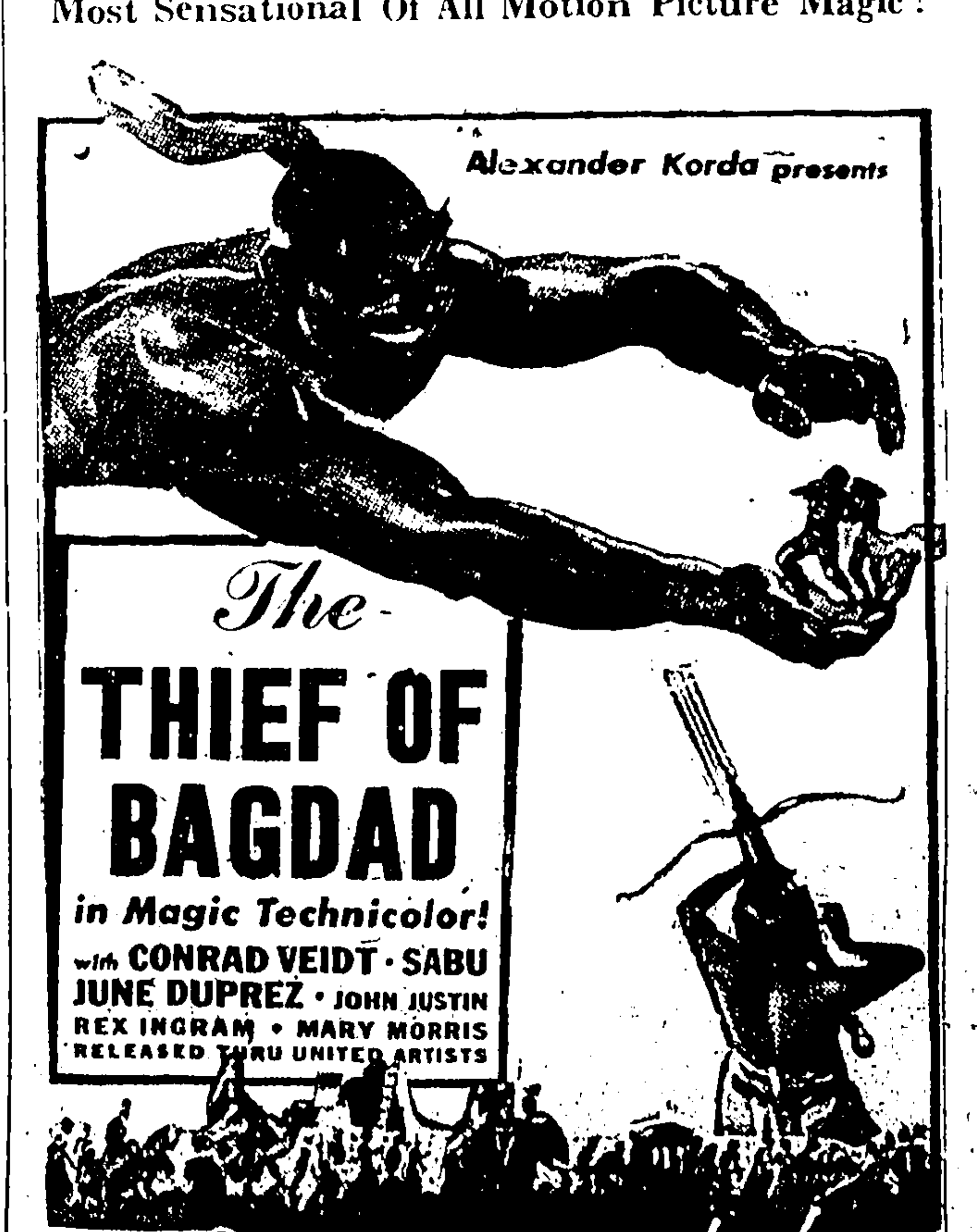
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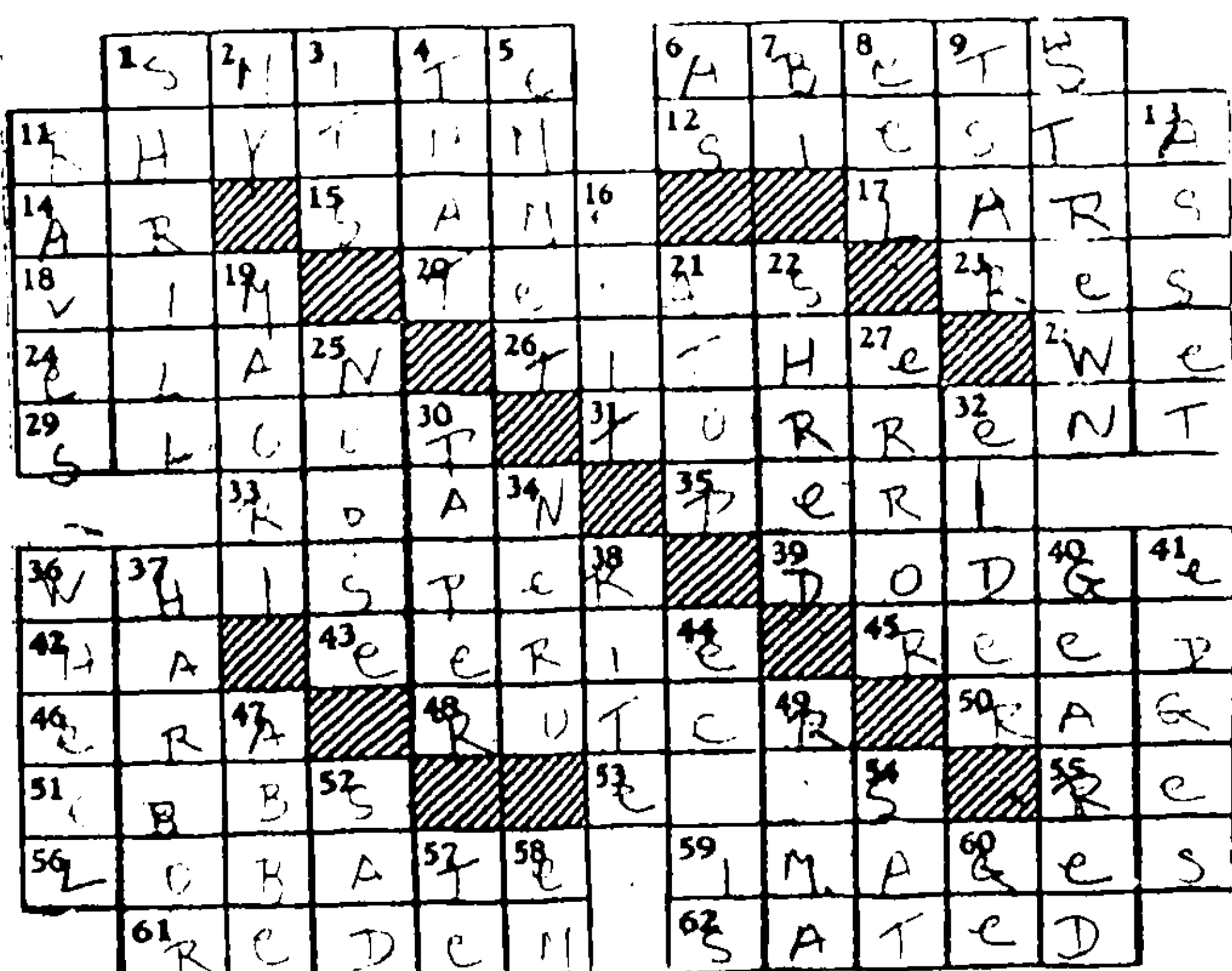


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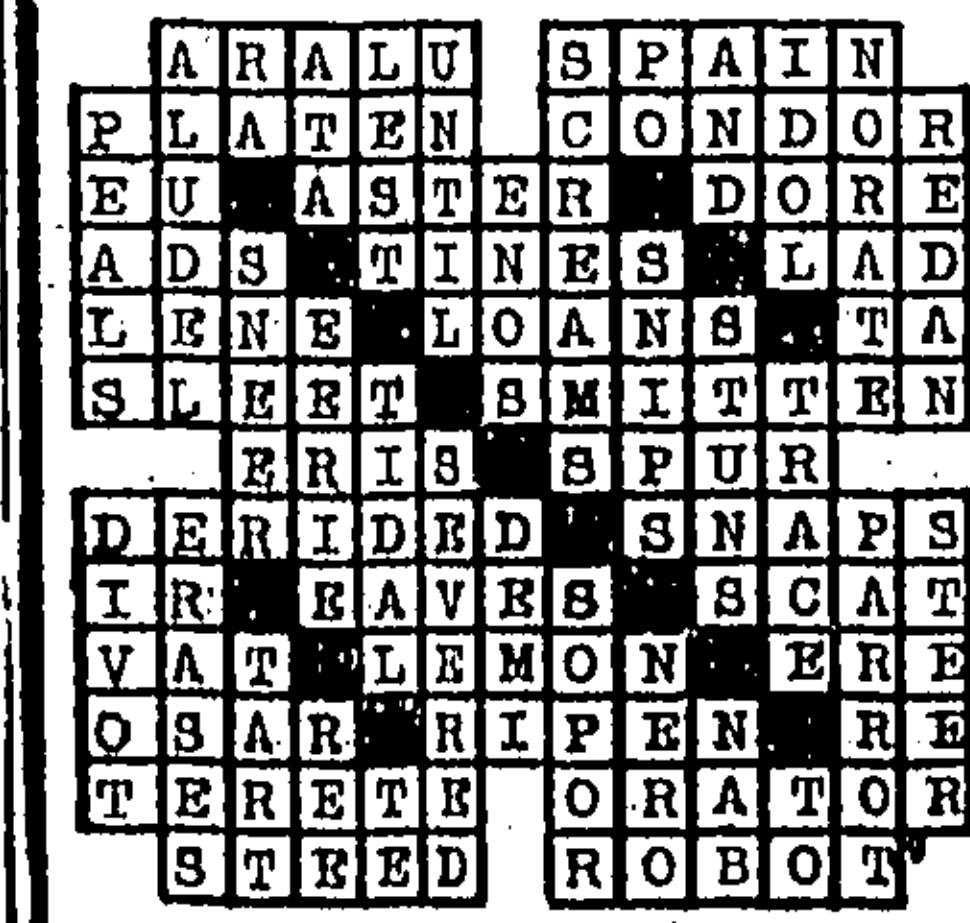
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- To strike
  - Aids
  - Regular beat
  - Afternoon nap
  - Land measure
  - Identical
  - Roman household gods
  - Energy
  - Southwestern state
  - Law: things
  - Arduous
  - Tax
  - Pronoun
  - Single-raasted sailing vessel
  - Tumultuous flow
  - Kind of horse
  - Persian elf
  - To speak in a low voice
  - To evade
  - Excitement
  - Weird
  - Tall grass
  - Period of time
  - Rotating piece

- Tatter
- Receded
- Former European country
- Concerning
- Composed of globes
- Idols
- Part of a fortress
- Cloyed

- VERTICAL
- High-pitched
  - Possessive pronoun
  - Neuter pronoun
  - Demonstrative pronoun
  - Ant

- While
- Prefix: two
- Elongated fish
- Former ruler
- Scattered
- Rants
- Item of property
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- Essay
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# GERMANY FEELING PINCH OF BRITISH BLOCKADE SEVERELY

**BLOCKADE IS LIKE A CHRONIC DISEASE AND IS INDUBITABLY A VITAL FACTOR IN GERMANY'S WAR SITUATION, DECLARED AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.**

Transport congestion and labour shortage already are serious problems. Transport delays have been aggravated by air raids and the labour shortage persists despite importations of forced labour from Poland, Norway and other occupied countries.

Many instances are known of German merchants cancelling orders because the railways were unable to deliver the goods.

Despite the official censorship there is increasing evidence in the German newspapers that shortages are now much more severe and that the blockade is taking effect.

The oil supply position is obviously difficult as Germany herself does not expect to receive more than 3,000,000 tons from Rumania. Even with favourable conditions the Reich is unlikely to get over 2,500,000 tons from Rumania and perhaps 1,000,000 tons from Russia.

## Starvation Rations

This might keep Germany going if the occupied countries could continue on the present starvation rations and if Germany's synthetic production was unimpaired.

Rubber production is only one-third of the probable wartime minimum need and very severe restrictions have been imposed in Germany.

The shortage of textiles is severely felt by German civilians.

The general difficulties are best illustrated by the prevalence of black markets throughout German Europe and the extremely severe sentences inflicted on hoarders and traffickers in food.

A dangerous scarcity is sure to arise, more through distribution difficulties than from a complete absence of supplies.

## Transport Strain

Apart from the increased war traffic, the blockade, by closing the ports of Hamburg, Bremen and the eastern Mediterranean, has caused an immense strain on internal transport.

The congestion in Marseilles is such that even greatly needed supplies cannot be quickly moved.

The recent enrolment of recruits for the army in many cases removed the last youthful labour, which is irreplaceable by war prisoners owing to the lack of administrative staff.

The general picture is, therefore, one of a highly organised economy strained at very many points by the blockade.

## Painful Effort

The maintenance of industries, the necessity to grow food instead of importing it, the need to supply the German armies in occupied countries, and the organisation of supplies from Russia, all means that Germany's economic resources are exerted in a painful effort.

Germany's propaganda for relaxation of the blockade shows how the Germans feel it.—Reuters.

## 'GAS ATTACK' AND LONDON LAUGHS

Officials tried recently to show London how a gas attack works, but Londoners didn't pay much attention, except for a laugh or two.

Gas was sprayed in a bombed street area while 200 citizens looked on.

"Gas," yelled a warden and gas masks popped out everywhere. A stray dog, unmindful of the importance of the occasion, appeared on the scene. The procedure was halted while wardens dashed about crying "Who owns the dog?"

The owner was not found and a bobby chased the dog away as spectators laughed. A loudspeaker explained what was happening.

"High explosives hit first," the speaker said, "then this gas is dropped. Many injured are in the buildings, some trapped."

Two helmeted and gas-masked figures in oil skins with strange curtains around their necks rushed from the house carrying three girls and two toddlers' dummies.

A stretcher gang arrived. So did the stray dog again. A bobby in gas clothes made after the dog. "Stand back please," warned a warden, "this gas may be unpleasant as the wind has shifted."

The spectators paid no attention. Some moved up. An elderly woman tried to get through the gassed area. "Halt, madam," warned a warden. "There's a gas attack going on."

## Late To Work

"I don't care, I'm late to work," she cried.

Whipping on a gas mask, she pushed through, neatly stepping over the spots in the street where the gas had been dropped.

The gas was diluted but several got a whiff, suffering some discomfort although they were 75 yards away.

The gassed spots were covered with some special mixture. The crowd, which by now included three children in tin masks, moved away, most of them laughing and joking.

A bobby returned leading the dog on a rope. The dog was sad but apparently unharmed.

## NAZIS TROOPS' ILL HEALTH

Reports from Norway reaching London state that a serious outbreak of scurvy has occurred among German troops occupying Finnmark, Northern Norway.

Lack of proper food is given as the reason for the high sickness rate among the German soldiers.

## BERNHARD TRAINED BY R.A.F.

The Royal Air Force is teaching Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands how to be a fighter pilot—but it is doubtful whether he will get his mother-in-law's consent to do much active combat work.

The genial young husband of Crown Princess Juliana volunteered for instruction on how to perform one of the toughest and most dangerous jobs of the war in order to make himself more useful as colonel of Dutch forces and aide to Queen Wilhelmina.

The Netherlands Government-in-exile has its own formations flying with the Royal Air Force now and the Prince is described as keen and eager for the excitement of combat work.

Nevertheless it is doubted that the Queen would consent to her daughter's consort taking any great part in flying involving the danger of active combat work.

The German-born Prince has been taking his lessons in secret for several months and R.A.F. instructors treat him like any other rookie except that he is granted "some latitude in the choice of training periods."

Described as a "natural" flier, Prince Bernhard was said by one source to be in an advanced stage of training. He is soloing following a stretch at the dual controls.

A popular figure at London parties, the Prince motors for his final lessons at fields near London.

He stays at a hotel during the training periods, then drives back to London for his regular duties with the Dutch Government-in-exile. Crown Princess Juliana and their two children are in Canada.

Before the war, Prince Bernhard was known throughout the world as a devotee of automobile racing. To this, and his mechanical bent, R.A.F. instructors attribute much of his aptitude for flying.

## DANE CREWS REMAINING ON BOARD

Disposition of the four Danish ships taken under protective custody by the U.S. Navy in Manila is awaiting instructions from Washington, navy officials said.

Three of the ships, the Grete Maersk, Gertrude Maersk and Hulda Maersk were still riding at anchor in Manila harbour while the fourth, the Marchen Maersk was in Cebu, all with skeleton crews still aboard and with naval guards on each ship.

The question of what to do with the members of the crews still was undecided. While some government quarters insisted that they could not be interned since the United States was not at war with any of the Axis powers, others maintained their internment would be permissible if it was determined there was no place to send the men and their return to Denmark was found impossible.



## CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

### THE BLOCKADE

Marshal Petain, while confirming British confidence in his mood and motives by re-stating that it is a matter of honour for France to do nothing against her former ally, has furnished no good reason for relaxation of the blockade. Demand of most British observers is that more rigid enforcement is essential, because Marseilles has been permitted to become a dangerous leak. And there is ground for suspicion that the evidence of British unwillingness to make things more difficult for Marshal Petain has encouraged the Nazis, through Admiral Darlan, to agitate to secure a widening of the gap. When Marshal Petain, therefore, proclaims that Admiral Darlan has his fullest confidence, the chances of practical measures to meet the problem are small indeed.

The precedent of the last War, when supplies were sent into occupied Belgium for distribution to the civilian population under American, and later under Spanish and Dutch, control, is present to many minds. It does not, however, apply to-day. In 1914 the problem was of manageable dimensions. The invaded area was small, the supplies required were limited, and no abuse could have been on a sufficient scale to bring substantial advantage to Germany. None of these conditions obtains to-day, when some ninety million people are under the heel of Nazi domination. Moreover the moral atmosphere of 1940 is wholly different from that of 1914. In the last War the violation of Belgian neutrality drew apologetic excuses even from Imperial Germany. The idea of neutrality as such had not been trampled under foot. Small neutral countries in Europe retained their full independence and the respect of all the belligerents, Germany included. Now there is not a neutral in Europe whose good will Hitler would hesitate to flout, or whose territory he would shrink from attacking. The United States is more or less openly regarded by Nazi Germany as a hostile Power. No neutral influence restrains Hitler and his confederates; and no form of neutral control could be devised which would afford the slightest guarantee against abuse of any philanthropic enterprise. Any supplies reaching Nazi-occupied Europe are a direct or in-



THE WATCH ON THE SIDELINES

## The Dodecanese

"In my two-fold capacity of a general and a Christian," said the Italian General Ameglio, in the Cathedral of Rhodes, on May 1, 1912, "these islands, provisionally occupied by Italy, will at the end of the war against the Turks be given free and their ancient autonomy. You can rely on my promise as you could on the Gospel." But, three days until the Greek inhabitants of the Twelve Islands, the Dodecanese, were really that, for Rhodes, now included in the group, have remained as of the League of Nations, and the rest of the islands, under the Italian administration, they were persecuted, sent into exile, and generally maltreated. When the Italians arrived the island of Calymnos, mountainous and bare except for two fertile valleys, had 25,000 inhabitants; after six years only half of them remained. In Leros, noted for its excellent harbour, the population fell from 8,000 to 2,500, while in star-shaped Symi, where the best sailing and rowing craft are constructed, the 23,000 inhabitants became 7,000. The population, by the way, of the whole group was in 1936 reckoned at 140,818, of which Rhodes, by far the largest, the Island of Rhodes, whose soil, according to Homer, was watered by Zeus with a rain of gold, contained 61,886 in her 545 square miles out of the total of 1,035 square miles.

In addition to those, we have mentioned there are the islands of Lipsos, Patmos, wild and desolate, with an admirable port at Scala—Patmos, where St. John, the favourite disciple of Christ, wrote the Apocalypse; Cos, where the first school of medicine was established, Hippocrates and his followers giving it a vast prestige; mountainous Astypalaia, around which are the finest sponges; wooded Nisyros, prolific in pumice-stone and mill-stone; the small Telos, with orange and lemon trees; Chalki, with its ancient capital an hour's walk from the sea, established there on account of the pirates, Algerian, Tunisian, Arab, and others—the great tragedy of Chalki was when the Venetians suffocated all the inhabitants who had taken refuge in

direct asset to Hitler, who will have no scruple about turning them to his own uses. The blockade must remain intact.

a cavern. To the south west of Rhodes is the long, narrow island of Carpathos, with excellent anchorage in some of her bays, and lastly there is Casos, above whose precipitous and unapproachable rocks there lie a few fertile valleys which the inhabitants cultivate with great industry.

From the days of Homer, who tells us of the warships sent by the island to serve under Agamemnon, the people of the Twelve Islands have been the most ardent of Greeks. But over and over again they have been obliged, because of their situation in the hands of a great naval Power, they could easily dominate the road to

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Suez and the Dardanelles—and because of the comparative paucity of their population, to live under alien rule. That of the Romans, from 130 B.C. to A.D. 400, was generally severe except in the case of Cos, which out of gratitude for the benefits enjoyed by emperors and consuls who were cured of various ailments by the physicians of that island was exempted from the heavy burdens imposed on the others. It was during this period, by the way, that Xenophon, the famous doctor of Cos, came to England in his professional capacity, and he was the first native of the Dodecanese to visit this country.

Then came the Byzantine period; the large extent of the empire and its great prosperity made it the object of predatory raids from all quarters. Thus we see that Isaurians, Persians, Saracens, Genoese, Crusaders, Knights of St. John, and Turks appear in turn in the Dodecanese. Works of art would naturally suffer during these invasions; a hundred of the 3,000 statues in Rhodes during the Greek period had been considered as marvels. Many of them met the fate of the Colossus, which immense mass of brass is reported to have been carried away by 900 camels, and when Richard Coeur de Lion stopped at Rhodes with a British fleet in 1191, it is said that "he viewed with profound astonishment the splendid remains of mighty works of art." The Turks, much more than the Knights of St. John, were sympathetic rulers; for the Knights were as exacting as they afterwards showed

themselves in Malta, while Suleiman the Magnificent, who ousted them in 1523, did not only, like General Ameglio, declare that the islanders should have autonomy, but he kept his word.

Nevertheless the national conscience of the islanders had remained alive, and when the other Greeks rose against the Turks in 1821, then example was followed by the islanders, which resulted in the people of Cos being sold into slavery and many another island devastated. In 1830 the Dodecanese were placed under the protection of England, France, and Russia, which was not altogether a satisfactory solution. However, when Mahmoud II would have abolished the islanders' privileges it was owing to England's protest that he published a firman, still preserved in the monastery at Patmos, which re-established complete autonomy. In 1867, during the Cretan insurrection, the Dodecanese again displayed their Greek spirit, and in 1867 the Sultan sent another expedition of fourteen warships to work his will.

When the Young Turks proclaimed the Constitution in 1908 a rosy dawn appeared to be at hand, but in July, 1909, they sent a telegram abolishing all the privileges. For this reason the islanders were delighted to help the Italians during the Italo-Turkish war of 1912; their assistance was so effective that the Turkish garrison at Psinthos was taken with the loss of only five men. In return the Italians have continued to act in such an oppressive manner that the one desire of the people has been their liberation from such a regime.

In the cultivation of their famous grapes, their oranges, olives, and tobacco, in the manufacture of their Oriental carpets, artistic pottery, and tiles, their olive oil and wine, the auguries for the future are very good when the islanders, who are virile and generous, energetic and intelligent, come under the sway of a united Greek Commonwealth.

"I do not know in the whole world," said Lamartine, "a more excellent strategic position than that of Rhodes, nor a more beautiful sky, nor a more smiling and fecund soil." These islands, although bathed in almost eternal sunshine, are not visited by excessive heat. The rain descends mainly in November and December, and becomes less in February and March. Clear and serene is the atmosphere of the Dodecanese; it stimulates activity and causes many of the islanders to live beyond the allotted span.

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# Dr. Quo Tai-Chi Takes His Leave In London

DR. QUO TAI-CHI in London yesterday took leave of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

At a farewell press conference, Dr. Quo Tai-chi said that the nine years of his tenure, first as Minister and then as Ambassador, had witnessed a great change in British views about China and in China's final views about Britain.

"During the Manchurian crisis," Dr. Quo said "appeasement was the order of the day. Now appeasement is dead both in Europe and Asia."

"China used to be regarded as an object of international policy rather than collaboration. Now, her political equality is recognized no less than her cultural power, and Britain and the United States and Russia have been forced to acknowledge China's rightful place among the nations and her essential role in the world situation to-day."

## Anachronistic Treaties

Continuing, Dr. Quo remarked, "It inevitably follows that foreign relations with China must henceforth be based upon equality and partnership and that the last vestiges of anachronistic treaties shall speedily disappear."

More and more, the world sees that China's destiny is to be the prevailing centre of cultural and democratic life in Eastern Asia and the Western Pacific area.

"For Asia, I am always aware of how much Russia's friendliness and helpfulness are meant in China's struggle against the aggressor and how much that can mean when peace comes once more to the Continent and the world."

Nor, though China has suffered more than any other country from the failure to give the League of Nations its true utility can I doubt that such an instrument of collective security and economic planning must be re-established and will find China, Russia, Australia, India and also Japan herself, when reason and justice finally return to her counsels, working in harmonious cooperation with the West."

"In leaving England for China," Dr. Quo concluded, "I am merely going from one front to another. We shall both see it through to the successful finish." — Central News.

## THEIR MENFOLK GOING "DOTTY"

Golf widows have gone ousted by the war; morse widows have arrived.

Morse widows are the wives of sweethearts of men who are offering themselves to the R.A.F. as air gunners. They must become wireless operators as well as gunners.

The men get morse on the brain; they think in terms of dots and dashes; translate what is said to them into morse; words they read jump into the alphabet of Samuel Morse, the American inventor of the system.

Morse, writes a reporter who is now in the R.A.F., is a "disease" which bites each man as he starts to learn it and grows as the R.A.F. cultivates his talent to the speed of an expert.

Some wives and sweethearts are genuinely worried by the change they find in their menfolk, but I can assure them it's not really serious and by no means permanent.

Symptoms of this new "disease" are best described by the twenty-two-year-old wife of an air-gunner-to-be who is living with her husband near his camp in the south-west.

## He Stops And Stares

"You see," she explains, "scores of women like myself are complaining because nowadays our men are never with us in mind."

"It's impossible to carry on any sort of conversation with my husband these days. When I speak he just stares back blankly, and I know instinctively that morse is running through his mind."

"Often in the streets he just stops dead and stares at some advertisement hoarding, and I have to wait until in his mind he has translated every word into morse code."

Sweethearts are complaining to

## CODE DANGER SEEN IN "LOVE AND XXX"

British sailors no longer may sign letters to their girl friends with the traditional "love and x x x."

Regulations ban the crosses on the grounds they might be employed by spies for code messages.

## PUT CHECK ON "JINGLE JILLS"

Pretty girls are going out into the streets of New York rattling collecting-boxes. The Americans call them "Jingle Jills."

They are supposed to be collecting for charity and religious bodies, but the U.S. courts have suspected a new racket.

The girls, who are said to receive half of all they get, have been employed by an organisation known as Volunteer Army, Inc., an alleged charitable organisation. But according to the Attorney-General it spends no more on the needy than £2 to £3 a week, though it collects about £15,000 a year.

The Attorney-General said the "Army" was headed by "General" Hattie Eby and "Majors" in the Army were permitted to conduct an office for the purpose of engaging persons, chiefly girls, to go out and collect.

"These girls," he said, "are not volunteer workers for a religious or humane cause, but 'Jingle Jills.' They are chosen for their attractiveness. They are not interested in salvation of souls, since their only concern is the number of coins they obtain and the share that will come to them."

"These 'Jingle Jills,'" he added, "jingle thousands of dollars annually."

Mr. Cuff, Judge of the Supreme Court, has granted an application to annul the "Army's" certificate of incorporation.

their R.A.F. boy-friends that all their love-letters are too full of morse code detail to be interesting.

Some women get very exasperated and annoyed with their husbands; others "just try to tolerate it."

But the men themselves—they just go on until they're ready to give Hitler the headache instead!

## GOVERNMENT SET UP IN IRAQ

The Iraq Nationalist leader and former Premier, Sayid Rashid el Gallanti, has formed a Government of National Defence, following his seizure of power in last week's coup d'etat, according to a Baghdad report received in Vichy yesterday.

The Government is composed of six high officers and two civilians.

An announcement says the new Government has been constituted "as the Regent has failed in all his duties and the constitution has been suspended. The army, under the aegis of His Majesty King Kaysal, has taken power into its hands."

The new Government is credited with the intention of attempting, through Parliament, the deposition of the Regent, Amir Abdul Ilah, and setting up a Regency Council, in which a member of Rashid's family is included.

Iraq is calm, the report adds. —Reuter.

## POLITE NAZI AIRMEN

While a fighter pilot on leave was driving his car home from church early one morning he saw a German bomber which had been crippled by a trawler crash in flames on Marshland.

The crew of four managed to escape the flames. They were disarmed by a Home Guard, and the British pilot took them in his car to a military depot. "The German airmen wiped their boots carefully before getting into the car," he said, "and put their life-saving jackets, dirty side up, on the seats."

"All of them were young."



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# NOBODY NOW LISTENS TO A MERE SPY

*Espionage isn't what it used to be. The changing character of this war-time "profession" is discussed by an "Associated Press" near correspondent.*

**THE DISCOURAGING** thing about being a spy is that nobody listens to spies any more. At least that's what the spies say. They also say that its extremely unpleasant work and easy to get and you can have it.

In Switzerland and elsewhere in Europe I have met quite a few spies socially. Some have been introduced as spies, which may have meant that they really were spies and were just trying to disarm me. I wouldn't know.

Conservative estimates by military attaches and other individuals whose activities throw them into contact with spies place the number of spies in Europe at something around 120,000. That includes spies in the business for pay, patriotism and play whose nuggets of knowledge are sometimes worth a hearing.

## General 'Coverage' Preferred

Officials of several Embassies and Legations say modern intelligence services have sacrificed detail for general coverage and have cut salaries for fairly good agents in order to get large numbers of just average agents. They say intelligence services now have only a few agents whose word they count on as sufficient in itself, but many paid agents whose information is pooled to be checked and double-checked.

Britain, in the opinion of most espionage experts including some Axis representatives I have met, has an enormous advantage in the war of military and economic intelligence on the Continent—but it's an advantage gained mainly by defeat and by Axis conquest.

The story goes, and I have never heard it denied, that the British Secret Service and Military Intelligence Divisions prepared for the invasion of the Low Countries and the French defeat, even though few of them dreamed it would come to pass, by scattering civilian agents throughout these territories.

I met just one agent who had been placed in preparation for the invasion. He was and is still in a great city now under German rule. He was a national of the invaded country and had no association with English firms or English people prior to or during the war. Now he takes great risks to keep London informed of Nazi military preparations.

## "Flying Spies"

When the war began, there were many reports of "observation flights" by planes over parts of enemy countries which seemed to hold little or nothing of military interest to the air observer.

It is known now that many of those flights by planes of all belligerents concerned "flying spies"—perhaps the riskiest game in the spy business.

An American, Kentucky-born Bert Hall, first showed the world how that could be done in 1912 when he landed a frightened Bulgarian secret agent behind the Turkish lines.

Later in the 1914-18 war, Mr. Hall and many another flier for both the Allies and the Central Powers carried out such "special missions" across all fronts.

Needless to say, such missions are dangerous both for pilot and passenger, but the pilots' military uniforms are at least a guarantee against execution if they're caught aground.

Now, as in the last war, the pilot makes a deadstick landing at night in a deserted meadow far behind the enemy lines, waits for a dangerous hour or so give his passenger time to make a getaway, then roars off again across the same meadow.

## Nazi Ring Smashed

German spies, some of whom used parachutes despite the danger of night landings, were par-

ticularly fond of landing in French Burgundy or the western slopes of the French Jura just west of the Swiss frontier.

Last April three German non-coms were forced down by engine trouble after their spy had baled out of the bomber at dawn near Dijon, France. The trio burned their plane and escaped before the blaze drew troops in the neighbourhood. All three managed to reach the Swiss frontier, but their passenger was located by French agents.

The French counter-espionage agents, following the usual procedure, let the newcomer lead them to his comrades and employees for three weeks before they finally swooped down on the whole ring. Three were executed, but three others were in prison awaiting trial when the German victory liberated them.

## Mata Haris Out

The Mata Haris of this war have taken a back seat behind plain John Businessman, ace espionage agent of 1941.

For it takes more than good looks and intelligence to cross frontiers in Europe to-day. One businessman with no charm at all, but with business abroad, is worth far more to European intelligence services than a bevy of beauties.

Which is why counter-espionage officials of neutral governments say they believe Britain now has a big edge on Germany in military information.

Britain's trade empire is paying dividends with perhaps the world's most active, and underpaid, spies—businessmen, manufacturers, technicians and industrialists of many countries whose prewar income was based on trade with British firms.

War or no war, those men travel. War needs their intelligence and war machines are made of what they have to sell. No matter how tight a frontier may be "sealed," the man who has what the government behind that frontier wants will always be able to pass.

Eventually he comes back out again. Then he may go directly to a British (or German) friend—perhaps a diplomat, perhaps a businessman, perhaps just a social acquaintance.

## Used By All Belligerents

He tells of industrial bottlenecks in war production in the country he visited, of the factory striving to widen that bottleneck. Perhaps he's surprised and perhaps he isn't when he reads in his paper a few days later that the same factory has been bombed.

All belligerents use these commercial spies to the fullest possible extent. Some even start off their business trips with special missions, a fact which their hosts frequently guess. Some come back with false information hung around their necks by hosts who fully expect them to report to the enemy.

Here's an example of how they work—fictitious, but in a pattern familiar to commercial attaches and government agents:

Blindspot on the bombing map, we'll say, is the town of Rolm, 40 miles east of the junction of the Dutch and Belgian frontiers. The German industrial directory tells the British what factories are in or near the town, what they are equipped to make and how big they are. It does not

tell them what they're now making, nor does it say what troops are in Rolm.

## Directory A Fumble

The German industrial directory was somebody's fumble in Berlin and a boon to the R.A.F. It comes out every year and the 1940 edition appeared as usual, giving, with typical German thoroughness, even the new locations to which certain key factories had been transferred. Bombs followed. The industrial directory was not published this year.

On with the example. London sends word to all commercial agents, businessmen and British official representatives abroad that they want to know what is going on in Rolm where there's a glass company, a steel mill, a firm making frames for racing bicycles and a soap factory.

A British commercial agent in Madrid may be a resident Englishman selling business insurance to Spanish companies. He has a wide acquaintance and he has means of meeting the Spanish distributing agents for the Rolm Glass Company's hotel table glasses.

Perhaps he meets them himself, perhaps he delegates the job to a Spanish hotel owner who may be viewed by the distributors as a customer. Perhaps the distributors have visited Rolm recently and if not, then certainly a Rolm salesman has been calling. Germany needs foreign exchange.

The salesman, while explaining the delay in filling orders, may happen to mention that the factory's warehouses have been used by the military to store military equipment or to house troops.

Danube barge makers in Yugoslavia get their steel from Germany. The heads of the firm visit Germany on buying expeditions and talk to the owners of the little Rolm plant where plate steel is made.

Swiss chemists from idle Swiss factories are sent to Germany by their firms to study German methods of making soap out of coal or other materials in order to keep the Swiss factory busy filling German orders.

## Information In Invoices

Portuguese bicycle dealers buy most of their bicycle frames where they can, for there's little iron in Portugal and the shipments from the United States and Britain are rare these days. They may go to Rolm, too.

"It sounds like luck," said a commercial man who outlined the picture, "but it isn't. Business crosses frontiers and with it goes espionage."

He estimated that at least half the information handled by military intelligence in London came from commercial sources or through commercial channels.

Commerce provides a way to get the information out even when there are no individuals crossing the frontiers. Mails go through and the strictest censorship cannot hope to cope with the vast quantity of commercial data contained in the mails.

An order, an invoice, even the goods themselves may be used to convey military information with or without the knowledge of the shipper. The arrival of 10 cases of camera lenses in Switzerland addressed to an innocent Swiss dealer might tell a British customer of the shop that 10 German air squadrons were based in a Netherlands coast port.

## EARL'S FORMER WIFE DENIES BANKRUPTCY

The former wife of the third Earl Russell, now Mrs. Dora Winifred Grace, school proprietress, of Porthcurnow, Cornwall, attended her public examination at Bristol Bankruptcy Court.

The statement of affairs showed a deficiency of £819, but Mrs. Grace did not admit insolvency. She stated that, but for circumstances connected with the war, the present position would not have arisen.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 38

#### By The Four Aces

To-day's crime hand shouldn't stump any bridge detective very long:

North, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 9 7 6 3  
♥ A Q J 4  
♦ A 6 4  
♣ K 5  
♠ Q 9 8 2  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ K 10 8  
♣ J 10 5 2  
♠ J 10 7 6 4 3  
♥ 5  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ K Q 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the six of diamonds, dummy finessed, and East won with the King. East's trump return rode to dummy's Ace and a club put South in to lead the Jack of spades. West took the spade King and returned the club Jack. South winning with the Queen of clubs. South then led a low trump, but found that he had to lose three trump tricks in addition to the diamond King.

Somewhere or other a bridge crime has taken place — practically under your noses! See if you can discover it for yourself before you read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime was leading the Jack of spades on the second round of that suit! Correct play to this type of trump suit demands a low lead on the second round.

If the suit splits 3-3, nothing is lost by the low lead. If the suit splits 4-2, the only chance to limit the loss to two trump tricks is that the low lead will take out a trump honour. Then the other honour can be forced out by the lead of the Jack on the third round of the suit. Note that a 4-2 split with both honours in the long hand leaves South in a hopeless situation, since he cannot prevent the loss of three trump tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable you held:

♠ A Q J 9 6 2  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Major
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass

ANSWER: Bid three spades. You have a strong enough hand to be reasonably confident of making a game. The spade suit is strong enough, moreover, to take care of itself even if your partner has only a small singleton.

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### Question No. 687

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 5 3  
♥ 7  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K 9 2

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Burnstone	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer: Saturday.)

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## BENCH MEET HERO IN DOCK

When Walter Crow, twenty-six-year-old private in a Scottish Regiment, appeared with two other soldiers at Weymouth Police Court charged with stealing a nine-gallon barrel of beer from a brewer's dray, the magistrates met a hero.

"This man saved my life at Dunkirk," his officer said to the Bench.

"He took a boatload off the beach and when he got alongside a British destroyer the captain ordered him aboard."

### Rude To Captain

"He refused. There was plenty of mess flying about and we were being machine-gunned and bombed, but he was quite rude to the captain and came back to the beach and took off two officers, including myself, and eighteen men."

The officer added, "All the men belonged to a patrol which is considered the cream of our battalion, as far as fighting is concerned."

Crow and his two companions were bound over, but the Bench ordered them to pay for the cost of the beer which they had taken.

Pathetic stories were told when several Pioneers were court-martialled in London for being absent without leave.

Of Private Frank Sellars, who denied deserting H.M. Forces, his own officer, Captain Robinson, who defended him, said he had to refuse the man leave, but Sellars went home to see his sick child, who had since died.

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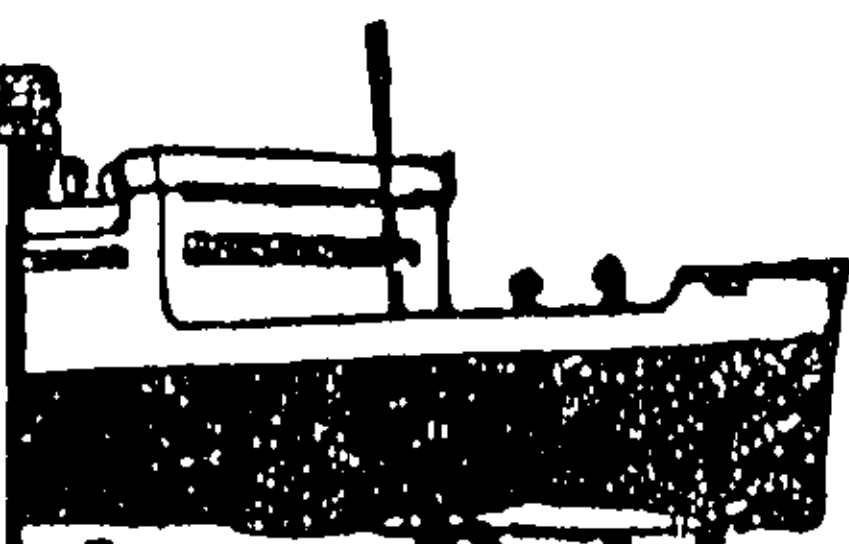
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## ARMY 6-A-SIDE HOCKEY

Keen and interesting hockey was witnessed at Saokunpoo Army playing field yesterday, when 10 matches in the preliminary and first rounds of the Army Six-A-Side Hockey Tournament were completed.

The finest match of the day saw Sappers defeat Middlesex "B" by three clean goals.

The "B" and "C" teams from 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, scored victories over Royal Army Service Corps and G. M. Hospital, respectively.

The second round, semi-finals and final will be completed this afternoon, the first match commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

2 14th Punjab "A"	2 Signals	0
(Mohammed Akbar 2)		
5th A.A. "A"	1 R.A.O.C.	0
(Ravi Singh)		
2 14th Punjab "B"	3 8th H.B. "A"	0
(Lieut. Rose 2)		
(Jawand Singh)		
Middlesex "A"	2 8th H.B. "B"	1
(Caul and Marriable)	(Ravi Singh)	
5th A.A. "B"	1 R.A.S.C.	0
(Lieut. Plummer)		
R.E. "A"	3 Middlesex "B"	0
(Denver 3)		
R.E. "B"	0 R.E. "C"	0
(R.E. B. won)		
5th A.A. "C"	1 G.M. Hospital	0
(Lieut. Clarke)		
McCaughen 2		
Punjab "A"	0 5th A.A. "A"	0
(Won by 1 short corner)		
Punjab "B"	0 8th H.B. "C"	0
(Won by two short corners)		

### Some Teams

Following were some of the teams:  
Signals: Gorman, Spate and Coombe.  
Rumford: Lander and Harrington.  
R.A.O.C.: Luckhurst, Bull and Jack.  
Hobson, Ryan and Adams.  
Middlesex: "A"—John, Crowley and Waldron; "B"—Delahunt, Bigginton and Burroughs; "C"—Plummer, Coughlan and O'Hara.  
R.E. "A"—Bowling, Croston and Homburg; "B"—Marriott, I. Martin and Saxby; "C"—Fishlock, G. Taylor and T. Taylor.  
R.E. "C"—Briddle, Grant and Sheldrake; Westwood, Goodwin and Treson.  
5th A.A. "C"—Sealton, Barsby and Clarke; Clague, McCaughen and Wood.  
G.M. Hospital: Scriven, Bhag Singh and Kartar Singh; Mohammed Ayoub, Pym and Allen.

## ONE-ARMED M.C. TO REJOIN REGIMENT

Captain Adrian Hopkins, former Mayor of Bath, who won the M.C. and lost an arm in the last war, is to rejoin his old regiment, the R.A.  
He is to take a gunnery course. The captain is chairman of Bath A.R.P. as well as one of the best known stamp collectors in the country.



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*Taketoyo Maru	Tuesday,	20th May
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SAIGON

*Matumoto Maru	Thursday,	10th Apr.
*Matue Maru	Thursday,	24th Apr.

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Hakone Maru	Sunday,	13th Apr.
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RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

*Matumoto Maru	Thursday,	10th Apr.
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KOBE & YOKOHAMA

*Azuma Maru	Thursday,	17th Apr.
Asama Maru	Tuesday,	15th Apr.
Husimi Maru	Tuesday,	22nd Apr.
Tatuta Maru	Tuesday,	6th May

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# CHOA PLAYS LIKE VETERAN TO EXTEND TSUI WAI-PUI

## Big Threat To Ex-Champion In Second Set Thrilling Tennis On Stand Court

By "Adrem"

ON STAND COURT OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY IN THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS EVENT, TSUI WAI-PUI, FORMER HOLDER, BEAT GEORGE CHOA 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

From the scores and from a knowledge of Tsui's game, one would assume that the C.R.C. player had been kind to the youthful Choa, but there was far more to it than just that. I have little doubt that when the match started Tsui was inclined to be kind but at one stage in the second set I am convinced that for the first time since he was beaten by ever-green Sirdar Rumjahn in the final last year, he was a little worried as to the final outcome of a match.

George Choa says: "After several such rallies I felt my polished display even if one like a man invited to the house for an hour. I was confident of an old hand. I received a letter from Sirdar Rumjahn in the family, who got along the tournament before last. For expecting a surprise or a large portion of the match he thought equally foul and regular a detaching force. When both were at their best the rally developed into keen struggle for tactical advantage followed up by rapid like thrust through openings."

### Fine Strokes

Such strokes as Choa exploited yesterday were perfectly produced, except for a drop shot which

### TENNIS RESULTS

The following were the results of Club matches:

**HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould beat G. W. Sewell and D. M. Macdougall, 6-4, 7-5

**MIXED DOUBLES**  
J. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible beat Dr. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade, 9-7, 6-4

**HANDICAP SINGLES**  
J. Sterling Lee beat E. H. Childs, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2

## LEAGUE TENNIS REMINDER

Hon. Secretaries of Tennis Clubs are reminded that entries for the League must reach Mr. C. J. Tuckwell, c/o Kowloon Cricket Club, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, by Wednesday, the 16th inst. accompanied by representatives' names (with addresses and telephone numbers) for each division entered.

Registered players for the various divisions must also be sent in, according to New Rule No. 4 which states: "At least one week before the commencement of the League, each on every Club participating in the League shall register with the League Secretary the names of four players as the nucleus of every team entered in the A, B, and C Divisions. Such registered players will not be allowed during the season to play in any lower division than that for which they are registered."

was neither one thing nor the other, and it is a great pity that he is not more robust as, in addition to his technical ability, he has the right temperament as at no time did he give the impression of being overawed by his opponent's reputation.

Yesterday he hustled Tsui as that expert has not been hustled for a long time. Following up deep drives down the sidelines, or occasionally cross court, he volleyed crisply and accurately, to score most of his points by these methods. His service was the better of the two and he was by far the more aggressive player.

Tsui was unusually weak on the backhand and only on rare occasions did he pull out those fierce passing shots on the wing we have become accustomed to expect.

On the forehand the length of Choa's drives forced him into errors and his most profitable stroke yesterday—the one which eventually broke up Choa's game—was his uncannily controlled drop-shot.

Early in the game he made occasional sorties to the net but later Choa countered these moves with a clever half-court shot which usually caught him at his feet.

### The Play

Exchanges were even in the first set, Tsui keeping a game ahead until the ninth game, when Choa broke through to lead for the first time at 5-4. He followed this up by taking the next game, much to everybody's surprise, for the first set.

Tsui started off confidently in the second set and making good use of his drop-shot, led 4-1. Choa then staged a great rally and drew up to 4-all and had a great chance of taking the next game, in which event, Tsui would definitely have had his back to the wall. The ex-champion was now worried. For the first time he appeared to feel conscious of the danger of losing, but he still pulled out an occasional winner and so struggled through to level the issue.

Choa was exhausted in the final set and after putting up a great fight for the fourth game, which would have made it 2-all, he weakened visibly and only occasionally rallied, when some of the most thrilling exchanges of the match resulted. Choa made no effort in the last two games and Tsui went out at 6-2.

## K.C.C. RETAINS SENIOR CRICKET TITLE: SAME TEAM PLAYED IN ALL 5 LEAGUE ENGAGEMENTS

By "Adrem"

THERE HAVE BEEN so many interruptions to the cricket season just concluding that the decisive match played on Saturday by Kowloon Cricket Club, which gave them the senior championship, did not arouse the interest that might have been forthcoming had things been more normal.

In consequence the Kowloon Club's success, without in any way meaning to belittle their efforts, was rather on the hollow side.

K.C.C., unlike most other teams, has not had to turn out each week with a different eleven and it is an extraordinary fact that the same eleven men represented them in all five League matches.

D. J. N. Anderson was the mainstay of the batting—his lowest score in five innings was his 38 last week—and Lloyd and Francis Zimmermann were the most successful bowlers, although Robbie Lee bowled steadily throughout without meeting with much success.

### Uninteresting Play

Saturday's match was very uninteresting, an early l.b.w. decision against Richardson having a big effect on the morale of the K.C.C. field.

Colledge batted brilliantly from his first over, Fortescue played a good defensive knock and Hawkins hit hard and often, if in somewhat unorthodox manner, for an exceedingly useful 27.

Set to score only 95 for victory, K.C.C. were never in any difficulty, Anderson scoring a painstaking 38 and most of the early batsmen reaching double-figures. Baker bowled steadily and Perry cleverly but the remainder of the Civil Service attack was singularly ineffective and worried nobody but the C.S.C.C. captain!

### Best Combination

Although the K.C.C. attack has at times caused some anxiety, there is little doubt that the team as a whole has proved itself to be the best in the Colony and if, as I said, the winning of the title once again under the circumstances prevailing was rather a hollow success, it was no fault of the team, which gave splendid support throughout to the popular skipper, Teddy Fincher, to whom congratulations are due.

University, who after a lean period, have once again established themselves among the Colony's leading teams, are fairly certain to finish runners-up.

### Surprisingly Easy Win

In the hopes of K.C.C. slipping up against Civil Service, they took no chances against Craighengower on Saturday and won with surprising ease.

Craighengower had first knock and bad batting more than anything else resulted in them being dismissed for only 77, which would have been much less had it not been for a useful last-wicket stand between V. H. White and Leo Choa.

White, whose activities hitherto have been confined to soccer, played a really useful innings, besides later keeping wicket very well, while Choa played one or two first-class strokes in his modest score of 9 not out.

Gegg took 4 for 10 but these figures definitely flattered him and Singh got among the rabbits to finish with 3 for 11.

University lost Tam early to a brilliant catch by Souza but Matthews batted breezily for 33 in which were several beautifully timed on-drives played from a

couple of feet outside the off stump.

### Junior Division

In Junior Division, K.C.C. and Craighengower, with only the fixture between themselves outstanding, will now fight it out for honours, the match having been fixed for Saturday at Cox's Road.

### Veterans Shine

K.C.C.'s veterans, Frank Goodwin and Willie Hung, skittled Civil Service out for 84, Madar and Goodwin then helping materially to knock these runs off, while heroes of the Craighengower's match against Rekreio were Lock and Leonard, in the batting line, and A. M. Omar in the attack.

Omar bowled really well on Saturday and he will be the man K.C.C. will have to watch, as he may win the all-important match off his own bat—or should it be ball!

## ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

The golf teams to represent Kowloon and Happy Valley in the annual match to-morrow have been selected as follows:

KOWLOON	HAPPY VALLEY
8.50 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
R. K. Collings	D. S. Edward
8.54 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
A. J. Dennis	K. S. Robertson
8.58 a.m.	2.05 p.m.
K. G. McKenzie	A. McKellar
9.02 a.m.	2.05 p.m.
T. B. Low	T. Low
9.06 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
H. F. Phillips	A. C. I. Bowker
9.10 a.m.	2.10 p.m.
A. L. Eastman	W. Sharp
9.14 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. C. Simpson	H. H. Mundy
9.18 a.m.	2.15 p.m.
W. V. Ahern	A. D. Humphrey
9.22 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
T. Lam	L. M. S. Lloyd
9.26 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
F. C. Barry	A. H. Penn
9.30 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. W. Ramsay	G. E. Willerton
9.34 a.m.	2.25 p.m.
A. A. Lopes	N. J. Bebbington
9.38 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
E. F. Fincher	C. F. J. Simpson
9.42 a.m.	2.30 p.m.
S. Jex	N. J. Booker
9.46 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
J. McKelvie	G. Davies
9.50 a.m.	2.35 p.m.
W. Kershaw	W. Stoker
9.54 a.m.	2.40 p.m.
E. C. Fincher	N. D. Booker
(Reserve)	
9.58 a.m.	2.40 p.m.
J. Coles	M. A. Cairns
(Reserve)	

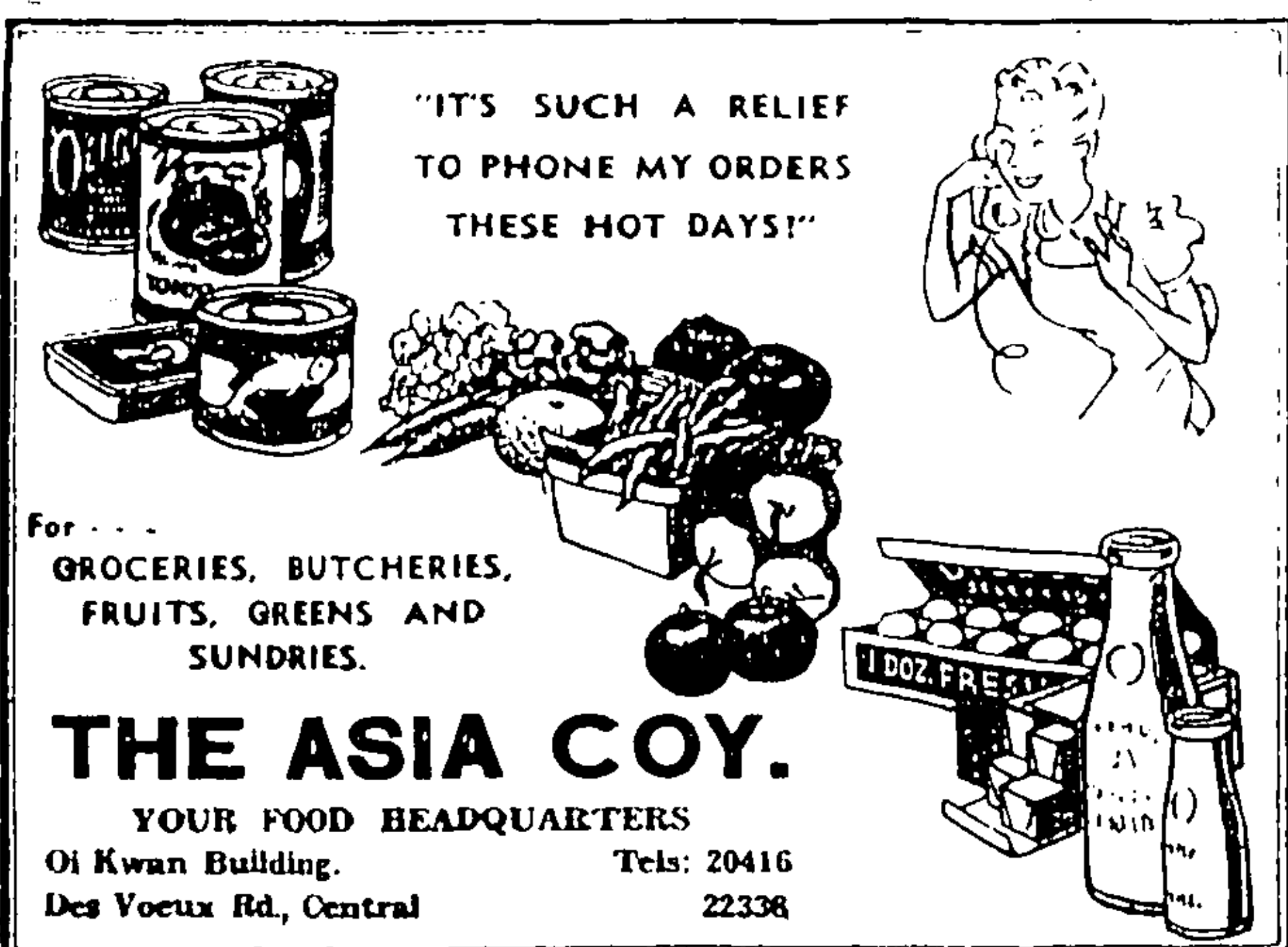
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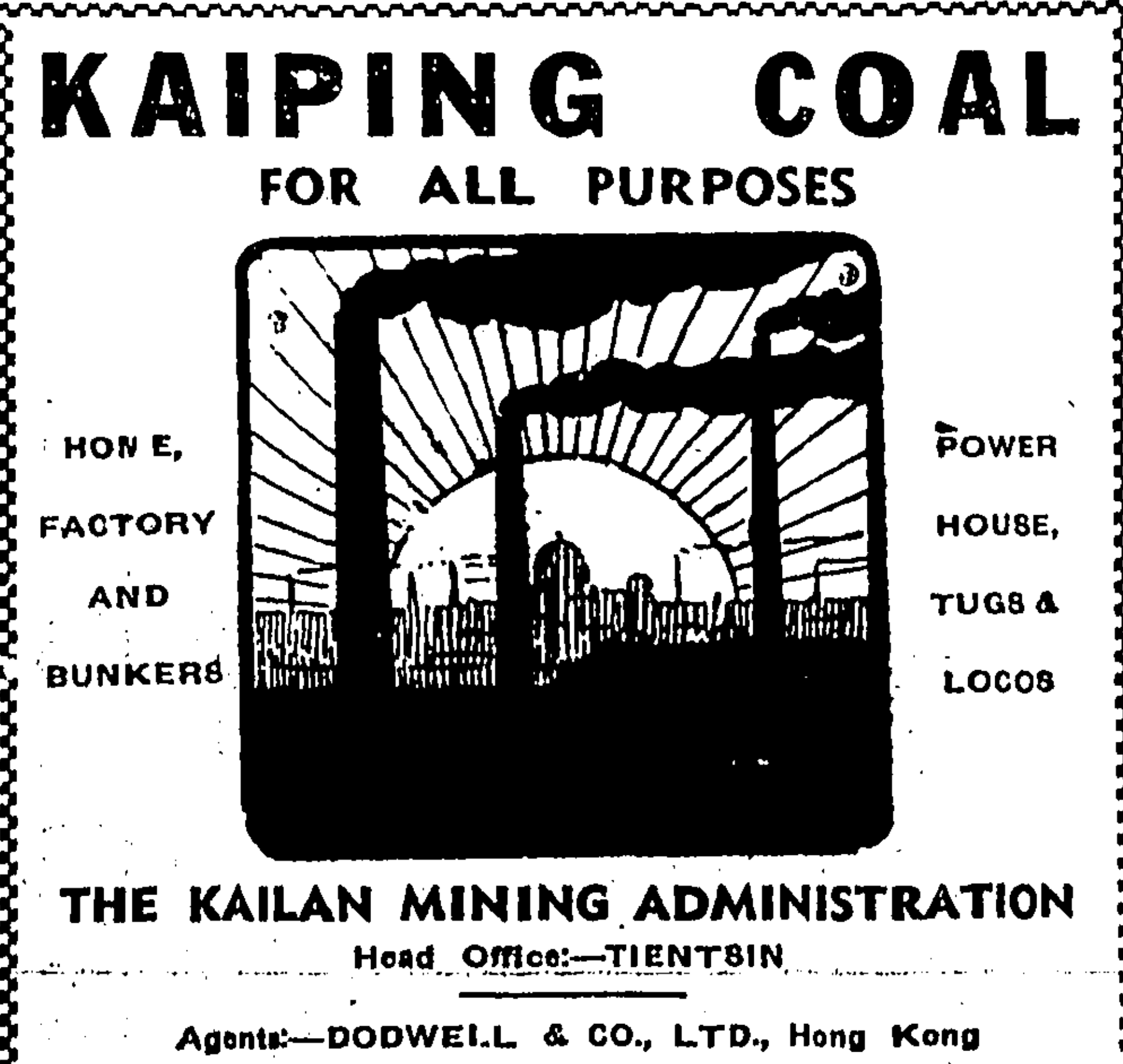
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# Baffin Bay Should Redeem Itself In Brisbane Spring H'Cap

## Jus Gentium Favoured For Caulfield H'Cap

# Daylight & Sylvandale For The 'Daily Double'

By "Rapier"

Racing enthusiasts will be well catered for during the Easter holidays, during which Hong Kong Jockey Club will hold their Third Extra Race Meeting, spread over two days. The first saddling bell will be rung at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the first race starting at 11.30 a.m., and the tiffin interval will be taken after the fourth race. The same procedure will be adopted on Monday.

The programme on each day will consist of 12 events, and with a satisfactory number of entries received there should be keen competition for honours.

The main events are the Brisbane Spring Handicap on Saturday, and the Easter Stakes, which will be decided on Monday.

Commander D. H. S. Craven has now fully recovered from the effects of the injury, which he suffered as a result of a fall whilst riding Melody Star on the second day of the Annual Meeting, and will ride on both days.

**RACE NO. 1. MIRS BAY STAKES: FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

The programme on Saturday opens with a sprint event for China ponies, griffins of this season, weight 142 lb. with a 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes, with winners barred.

Looking over the ponies entered, I think the winner will come from one of the following:—

Eve of Deception (Mr. Davis); Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei); Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Odeon (Mr. Needa); and, Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Craven).

Iron Beauty and Odeon will both carry top-weight of 146 lb.,



although I do not feel inclined to recommend the former, owing to the injury received after coming in second to Charlesber in the Lotteries' Stakes at the First Extra Meeting.

Despite its failure at the last meeting in the Kongmun Plate, Odeon is capable of winning if given a good start, otherwise I suggest Wonderful Scheme as the likely winner.

Night Express is also quite fast, whilst Eve of Deception should not be overlooked.

I nominate Wonderful Scheme to win, with Odeon second and Night Express third, leaving Eve of Deception as the outsider.

**RACE NO. 2. CALLIOPE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE TWO-MILES POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

"B" Class Australian ponies will figure in this race with a proviso that subs. of 1941 that have won \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Starlight (Mr. Wei) is still capable of winning in view of its success in the Stewards' Cup over the same distance at the last meeting. It will be carrying 10 lb. more on Saturday but it is superior to the other contestants, although Gloaming (Mr. Poy) which was fourth in the Stewards' Cup, and will be receiving 10 lb. from Starlight on Saturday, should give a good account of itself.

A Happy Time (Mr. D. Black) may be worth following on account of its win in the Austral Valley Stakes over the mile at the Annual Meeting.

For an outsider, I suggest Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis) in view of the fact that it will be carrying 147 lb.

**RACE NO. 3. WYALONG STAKES: FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

The third race, which will be contested by Australian ponies, griffins of this season, weight 142 lb., with a 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in Stakes with winners barred, is another sprint event.

The ponies to watch are:—Gay Fox (Mr. Poy); Hascosay (Mr. Davis); Misty View (Mr. Pih); and, Tropical Love (Mr. Liang).

Hascosay was beaten in the Yarra Stakes over this distance by Gloaming, and with the latter pony not competing in the race, it is about the best choice here, though Gay Fox must not be ignored as it is quite speedy over this distance.

Misty View is not fast enough, but for those who believe that there is a possibility of an upset here, I would recommend Tropical Love.

Hascosay is my fancy, with Gay Fox second and Misty View third.

**RACE NO. 4. TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE**

Novice jockeys will be given mounts in this race on "D" Class China ponies and a good race is expected. From the entries the winner should be among the following:—

Blue Field; Boolat Bay; Eve of Hunting (Mr. Coppin); Rose-Queen (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan); and,

Strathbannock (Mr. Sequelra). These are the best ponies and it boils down to a question of picking the jockey with riding ability.

Rose-Queen is undoubtedly the best pony and, on form alone, should have little difficulty in accounting for this race. Under Mr. Coppin, Eve of Hunting will also be in the running, but it may find strong opposition from Strathbannock.

Mr. S. W. Lee has the choice of either Blue Field or Boolat Bay and which ever he decides to take out should be worth considering.

**RACE NO. 5. ROSEHILL STAKES (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to 1941 Australian Subscription ponies, weight 142 lb. and 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes, winners barred.

Over this distance anything is liable to happen and my advice is to study the positions drawn carefully as a good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing.

Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should be the best bet for a win here owing to its speed over this distance, but as it is inclined to bore out on rounding the bend for home I am afraid I cannot place much reliance in it and must, therefore, place the spotlight on Daylight (Mr. Wei).

In the Randwick Plate (Second Section) Daylight came in third to Corsair and Bona Vacantia respectively and on that performance I feel confident that it will win on Saturday.

There is also A Rosy Time (Mr. Hearne) to be considered as this combination is promising, while Snow White (Mr. Pih) is also a dangerous contender.

I fancy Daylight for first place, with A Rosy Time second, and Snow White third.

**RACE NO. 6. BRISBANE HANDICAP: TWO MILES**

This is the main attraction for Saturday and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season with ponies classified "A" that have won \$2,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941, barred.

I am afraid that out of the 12

## THROUGH TICKETS FOR RACES

The "China Mail" learns from Messrs. Linstead and Davis that the sale of through tickets for the Easter Race meeting will close to-day. The office will be closed to-morrow (Good Friday).

ponies entered only half will start as many have an engagement later in the afternoon. I expect the following to face the starter:—

A Grand Time (Mr. Y. K. Tu); Australian Diamond (Mr. Cheng); Baffin Bay (Mr. Chao); Brown Derby (Mr. Black); Brutus (Mr. Trevorton); and, Centre Court (Mr. Needa).

The race should, therefore, resolve into a battle between Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay, both carrying 159 lb. The former pony had the better of Baffin Bay in the Melbourne Cup over this distance and many will contend that it is good enough to win again but I feel it will have to be at its best to do this. In the Broken Hill Handicap Baffin Bay was fourth and I think its last quarter run will prove the deciding factor.

For the third position, Brutus seems to be the choice in view of its success in the Ladies' Purse at the Annual Meeting.

**RACE NO. 7. TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE**

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double", which will feature "D" Class China ponies with novice jockeys again riding, and it is extremely difficult to spot the likely winner.

Sylvandale (Mr. Coppin), although unplaced at Macao on Sunday in the Lingnan Handicap (Five Furlongs), should command the most respect in this race, and I expect to see it win, but Sunlight View (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) is also due for a win and should offer a keen fight.

Portrush (Mr. Li Shu-fai), with only 135 lb. to handle, is dangerous and should be watched. It will be recalled that in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section) last year this pony led from start to finish and won whilst carrying 152 lb.

King's Worthy (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), which came in second to Lovely Star at Macao on Sunday in the same race, in which Sylvandale ran, is also competing and is capable of challenging towards the end as it is very fit at the moment.

My selections are Sylvandale to win, with Portrush and Sunlight View fighting it out for second place.

**RACE NO. 8. ROSEHILL STAKES (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

Second section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 will try conclusions here and in my opinion the race will be fought out between Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan), Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) and Tobaccoship (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

Fresh Air is certain to command the most support in the betting, and if it runs true to form I cannot see it being beaten. Newborn Star was not seen in action in the last two meetings, but as it is fighting fit at the moment it should give Fresh Air a great fight if it does not actually beat it.

The distance suits Tobaccoship very well, and if Mr. Botelho can get this pony out in front after rounding the bend, it should have a good chance of winning.

I expect Fresh Air to win, with Newborn Star second and Tobaccoship third.

**RACE NO. 9. HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

This race is confined to "B" Class China ponies, and for its win in the Canton Handicap (Second Section), Avon (Mr. Black) has been promoted to First Section.

Although it has been given only another pound penalty, I am afraid it is not good enough to win here. I, therefore, look to Johnber (Mr. Chao), which was fourth in the Canton Handicap (First Section), to redeem its past failures by winning a race for the first time this year.

There is Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa) to be reckoned with, however, as it ran very well to win the Happy Valley Spring Handicap over the mile at the Annual Meeting, carrying 152 lb., as against only 142 lb. it will be carrying on Saturday.

Gay Star (Mr. Craven) is not bad, but is unlikely to do better than place.

**RACE NO. 10. CAULFIELD HANDICAP: 1¼ MILES**

Australian subscription ponies of 1941 that have won at Race meetings held at the Valley will clash in this race in which ponies classified "A" are barred.

Judging by its last win in the Randwick Plate (First Section) and its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, Jus Gentium (Mr. Chao) is my choice for first place.

Mainsail (Mr. Black) should fill second place, with Santa-Anita (Mr. Liang) third, but Black Seal (Mr. Needa) must be regarded as a potential challenger.

**RACE NO. 11. HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

In this race, the second section of "B" Class China ponies, the finish should be fought out between Rose Emily (Mr. Poy), Hughber (Mr. Chao), Eve of Reason (Mr. D. Black) and Galaxy (Mr. Chang).

For its second placing to Avon in the Canton Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting, Rose Emily should just about do it.

Eve of Reason, which dead-heated for first place with Conquering Time in the Gymkhana Handicap, will be running under new colours on Saturday and has a very good chance of winning.

Hughber is likely to find the extra 171 yards to its liking and will probably place again.

For an outsider, I recommend keeping Galaxy in mind as the pony is only carrying 135 lb.

**RACE NO. 12. CALLIOPE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

The second batch of "B" Class Australian ponies will fight out the finish of this, the final event, and an interesting struggle is expected.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne), which was a neck behind Devonian in the Moonee Ponds Handicap for second place, has a chance of scoring a win here, as its weight is down by 4 lb. since that run and the distance is greater, whereas Pumpnickel (Mr. Pih), which was third in the Hobart Handicap (Second Section) may find the distance a bit too long for its liking.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy) is a likely danger as is Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), which has been very lightly treated.

Devonian (Mr. Black) has come down to 140 lb. and on that account I recommend it as an outsider.

I am inclined to favour Rowan to win, with Springhurst second and Venus Bay third.

## MIDDIES BEAT UNIVERSITY

Middlesex Regiment and the University held an athletic meeting at the Shumshupo ground yesterday afternoon, the Middles outscoring the University graduates to win by 30 points to 18.

Outstanding performance of the afternoon was a half-mile run in 2 mins. 10 secs. by L/C Heather of Middlesex Regiment, who triumphed over Pte. Manson of Royal Scots in this event, open to the Colony.

Pte. Lever, of Middlesex Regt., threw the Javelin a distance of 167 feet 3 ins. for the best performance of the afternoon in the field events.

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# SOCCER REFEREES ARE FOUND TO BE EFFICIENT

**ALLEGATIONS THAT inducements had been made to players to leave their employment to go on tours was made at the Monthly Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday and rose out of a letter by Kwong Wah complaining of the attitude taken by Eastern on their recent tour.**

Arising out of the alleged inefficiency of Referee, at the last meeting, the report of the Referees' sub-committee stated that they found the referees had officiated at all games efficiently and to the best of their ability.

## Kwong Wah's Letter

The following letter was written to the Eastern Athletic Association on March 26 by Kwong Wah which stated that two members of the staff of China Light and Power Co., Ltd., had informed the club that they had been approached by an official of Eastern to accompany them on a tour to Manila for which they will receive travelling expenses.

The letter asks Eastern to advise them that such an offer was not made by any responsible official, and further states that both the employees in question had been refused leave. Last year three members of the staff made similar application and accompanied a certain football team on tour with the result that they lost their regular employment.

The letter concludes that any action taken by a football club which may result in any young Chinese football player losing his regular occupation, should be strongly discountenanced by all responsible football officials.

Lau Fook-chuen, referred to above, actually left his employment to join Eastern on tour.

## Referees' Efficient

The findings of the Referees sub-committee, appointed at the last meeting to enquire into the standard of refereeing was laid on the table.

The findings were:—  
The question of referees' efficiency was discussed at length and it was decided that the following be submitted to the Council at its next meeting:—

"With reference to the Kwong Wah and Eastern match we have gone into the matter fully.

In regard to the only written complaint received this Committee come to the conclusion that the game was conducted in accordance with the Laws of the Game and that the Referee carried out his duties to the best of his ability.

The Committee has received a report to the effect that his eyesight is normal.

The general efficiency of Referees was discussed and the Committee are satisfied that the games throughout the season have been conducted without complaint and therefore find no reason to take further action.

The Committee recommend that the revival of the system of reports on Referees should be carried out during the forthcoming season."

## Other Business

Advice has been received from the Shanghai Football Association that the players of the Tung Wah team of Shanghai have been suspended for an indefinite period.

As these players would not be permitted to play with teams affiliated to the Football Association, England, the Hon. Secretary was instructed that the names of the players concerned be circulated to all Chinese Clubs.

Permission was granted to Kwong Wah to visit Macao during the week-end.

An application from South China for permission to tour Malaya was left in abeyance, until South China had received advice that Malaya would accommodate them.

The recent happenings in Manila

## YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

Following are yesterday's soccer results:

**FIRST DIVISION:**  
Club 2 Kwong Wah 0

**SECOND DIVISION:**  
S. China 1 Engineers 2

**THIRD DIVISION:**  
Eastern 2 2nd R.A. 1  
3rd R.A. 1 4th R.A. 1

# ARMY BOXING

The last fight of the evening, the first string welterweights between L/Cpl. McGready (Royal Scots) and Drum Major Holdford (Middlesex) decided the Army Inter-Unit team boxing championship last night when Royal Scots beat Middlesex 23-22 to retain the Championship Shield and Governor's Trophy for the second year in succession.

Bantamweight:—Pte. Hope (Middlesex) beat Pte. Bailey (Royal Scots) on points.

Featherweight:—Pte. Noble (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. Morley (Royal Scots), knockout, first round.

Pte. Laws (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Winkorth (Middlesex) on points.

Lightweight:—Pte. Cavanagh (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl. Milroy (Middlesex) on points.

Dmr. Chacksfield (Middlesex) beat Pte. McBain (Royal Scots) technical knockout, second round.

Pte. Frenchum (Middlesex) beat Pte. Gibb (Royal Scots) on points.

Welterweight:—L/Cpl. McGready (Royal Scots) beat Drum Major Holdford (Middlesex) on points.

Sgt. Ritchie (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl. Eaton (Middlesex) on points.

Pte. Callagan (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Geist (Middlesex), technical knockout third round.

# ST. JOHN'S WIN "B" DIVISION

St. John's won the championship of "B" Division of the Badminton League at Club de Recreio last night when they defeated Chung Wah by six games to three.

H. Eardley and David Kwok (St. John's) beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21-12

beat C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 21-15

beat W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy 21-11

G. S. Ladd and N. B. M. Whitley (St. John's) beat Leung and Chiu 9-21

lost to Chiu and Liang 4-21

lost to Choy and Choy 2-21

N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Leung and Chiu 21-0

beat Chiu and Liang 21-11

beat Choy and Choy 21-0

Pte. Urquhart (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Pearson (Middlesex) technical knockout, second round.

Middleweight:—Pte. Cooper (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. More (Royal Scots) on points.

Cpl. Cooper (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl. McGready (Middlesex) on points.

L/Cpl. Foakes (Middlesex) beat Pte. McNally (Royal Scots) on points.

Light-Heavyweight:—Pte. Emmerson (Royal Scots) beat Cpl. Fox (Middlesex) on points.

Heavyweight:—Pte. Moran (Middlesex) beat Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots) on points.

# LADIES' SOFTBALL TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following is the draw for the first round of the International Softball series to be played on Sunday:

Portugal v Great Britain (9.30 a.m.)

Philippine Islands v China (10.45 a.m.)

India v Canada (12.00 noon)

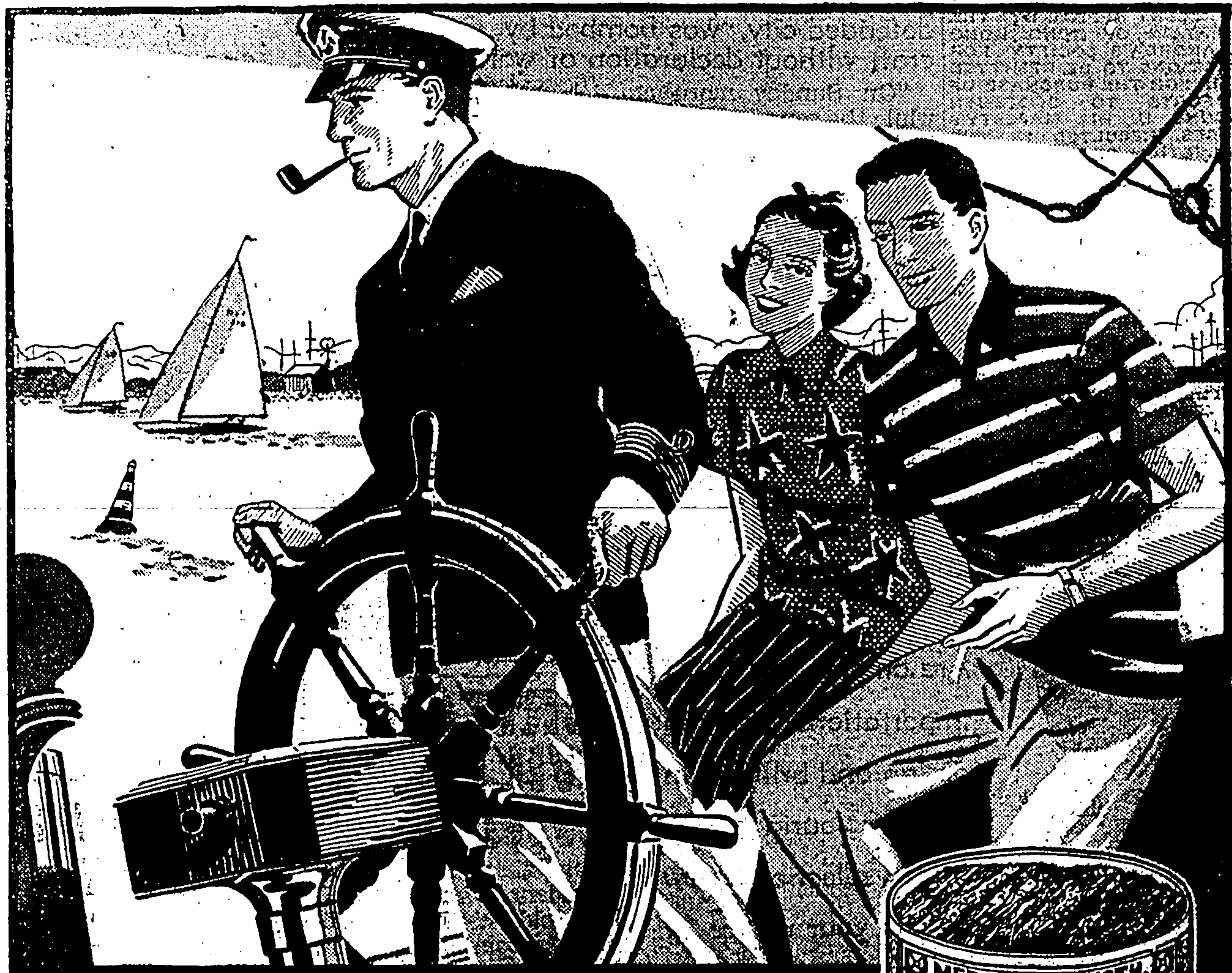
The U.S.A. team, drew a 'bye'.

The following have been selected to represent the "All-stars" team against the Wildcats, in Easter Monday's charity game on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 2.30 p.m.:

Pitcher:—Mary Ng (Canuckettes). Catcher:—Dot Louie (Canuckettes). 1st base:—Yvonne Yolie (Wahoos). 2nd base:—Celeste Marques (Panthers). 3rd Base:—Alice Mar (Canuckettes). S. Stop:—Irene Castilho (Wahoos). L. Field:—Theresa Marques (Panthers). C. Field:—Theresa Noronha (Wahoos) and R. Field:—Betty Fitzgerald (Cardinals).

Utility:—Elegena Babida (Cardinals). Gladys Hutchinson (Cardinals) and Vivian Louie (Canuckettes).

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# BELGRADE LEFT A MASS OF RUINS

## Horror Of Sunday Morning Bombing Officially Told

### Royal Palace Destroyed: Savage Nazi Attacks

THE ROYAL PALACE IN THE SUBURB OF BELGRADE WAS DESTROYED BY 30 BOMBS DURING THE MASS GERMAN AIR RAIDS ON THE CITY ON SUNDAY. THIS IS DISCLOSED IN A MESSAGE FROM THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ADDRESSED "TO ALL CIVILISED PEOPLES."

### GENEROUS DONATIONS OF LOCAL SCOTS

A RECENT APPEAL BY THE CHIEFTAIN OF HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY FOR DONATIONS TO BE REMITTED HOME FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMFORTS TO SCOTSMEN SERVING IN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES, RESULTED IN THE COLLECTION OF \$5,737.90.

At a recent meeting of the General Committee of the Society, it was decided to send the equivalent of the above sum, namely, £355 12 7d., to the Scottish Red Cross Society, Glasgow, to be devoted towards the provision of parcels for Scottish Prisoners of War serving with the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Chieftain wishes to thank those members of St. Andrew's Society who so generously contributed.

The city was left "a mass of ruins and gutted homes," the message says. The statement reads: "We inform all civilised peoples of the frightful crime committed by the German armed forces in the war imposed on us."

"The capital of our country, which in good time was proclaimed an open and undefended city, was bombed by German aircraft without declaration of war."

"On Sunday morning, while the sound of church bells was calling the faithful to church for divine service, a bombardment eclipsing in horror all imagination was launched by German planes."

"A veritable deluge of incendiary and explosive bombs turned the city into a mass of ruins and gutted homes, while all streets of Belgrade were covered with the bodies of children, women or men."

"Never, during the long history of this city, were such cruelties committed, even by the most primitive invaders."

#### Palace Destroyed

"This devastation of a defenceless open city was executed by aircraft of that nation which claimed for itself first place among cultured peoples."

"All precepts of international right and human considerations were set aside by the German planes, which destroyed most of the hospitals, churches, schools and cultural institutions in Belgrade in broad daylight."

"The Royal Palace was destroyed by 30 bombs."

"German planes even bombed isolated houses, killing thus Dr. Koulovetz, Leader of the Slovene people and a member of the Government."

"Horrible scenes occurred when German planes machine-gunned women and children fleeing their burning houses."—Reuter.

### BRITAIN WILL WIN

"Britain will win," Vice-President Henry A. Wallace told the Foreign Policy Association in New York yesterday.

"Only defeatism on the psychological and economic front in the United States can prevent it. A Nazi victory and a Nazi peace is unthinkable."

"To avoid such a calamity we will help ourselves through helping England by all methods short of war."

"Our help must be such that neither a madman nor a mad nation will ever again have an opportunity to kill millions of people and destroy millions of dollars worth of property."—Reuter.

### RAIDLESS DAY IN BRITAIN

ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED DURING FIGHTER PATROLS OVER THE ENEMY-OCCUPIED COAST YESTERDAY, AND ONE BRITISH FIGHTER IS MISSING.

There was no enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

No alert was sounded in the London area up to a late hour last night. — Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

### WEDDINGS TO-DAY

The following couples were wed at the Supreme Court Registry to-day before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages:

Mr. Chu Pak-chuen, merchant, and Miss Lee Hang-to, of No. 14, Bulkeley Street.

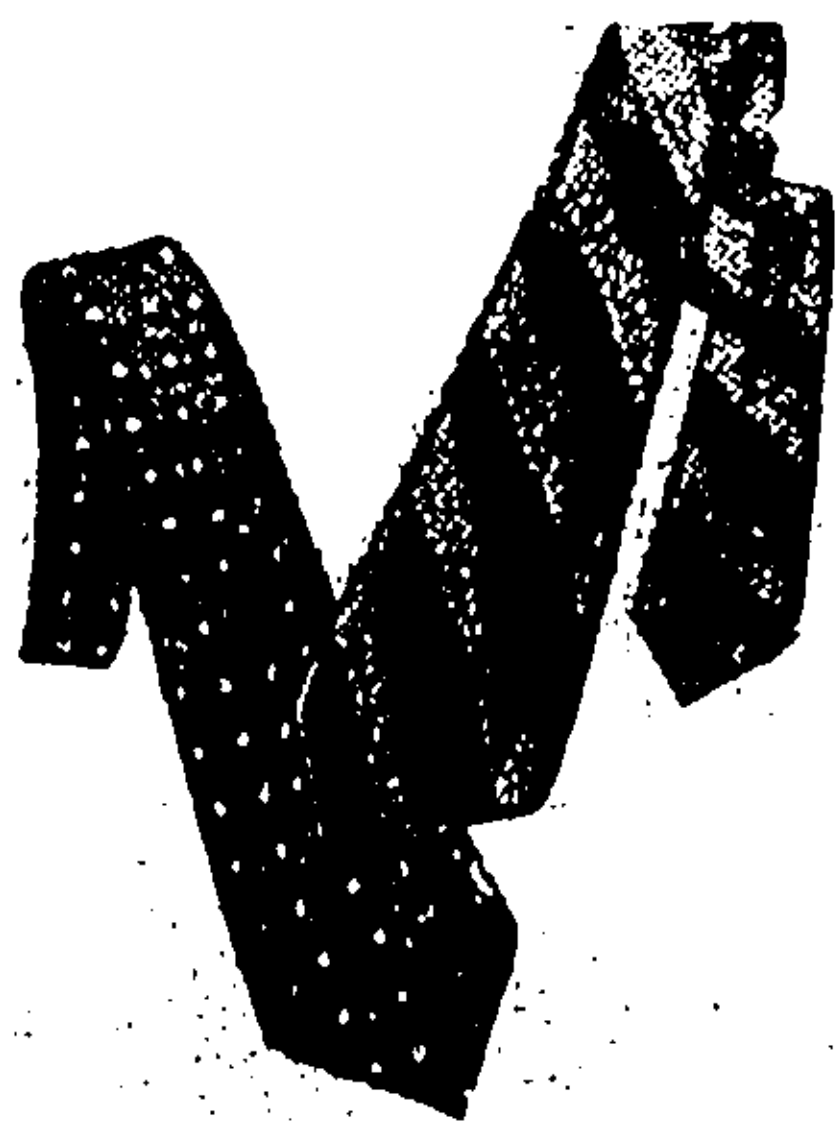
Mr. Ng Ting-cheuk, civil servant, and Miss Cheuk Shun-wan, of No. 4, Yin Po Fong Street.

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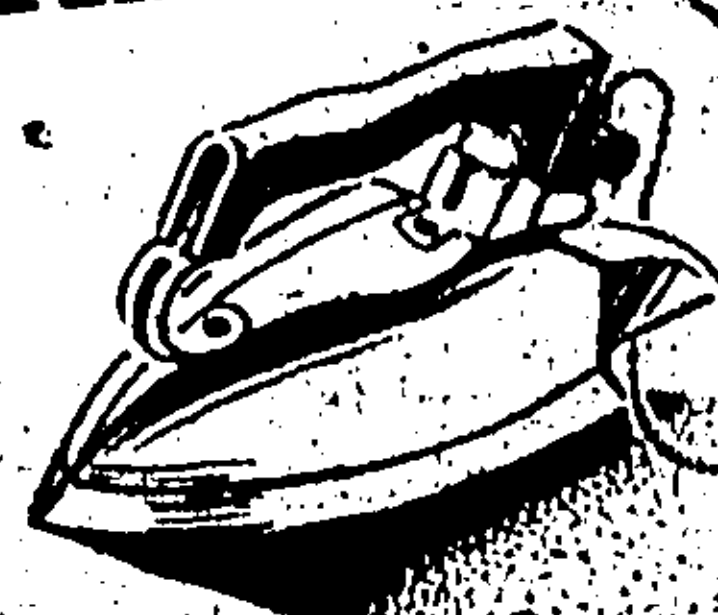
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## GREEKS STILL HOLD OUT STUBBORNLY IN MACEDONIA

### NO TIME TO BE WASTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The State Department is hurriedly drafting the message President Roosevelt will send to Congress on Thursday asking authority to acquire the seized Danish ships.

The message may be so worded to give authority to acquire all idle foreign shipping, such as 19 French ships, including the "Normandie."

It is disclosed in Washington that the price which the United States Government proposes to pay for the 39 Danish ships in U.S. ports and in the Philippines amounts to between fifteen to thirty million dollars.

Some of these ships, it is stated, will be used for the Western hemisphere service, while others will be turned over to Great Britain.—International News Service.

### TWO NEW AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The first American battleship commissioned for 18 years, the world's mightiest warship, the 35,000-ton "North Carolina," was put into service yesterday five months before schedule.

A sister-ship, the "Washington," will be commissioned next month, a year before schedule.—International News Service.

## Germans Suffer Terrific Losses: Big Battle Near

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THOUSANDS OF HASTILY REINFORCED GREEK SUICIDE BATTALIONS WERE REPORTED IN ATHENS LAST NIGHT TO BE STILL HOLDING OUT IN MACEDONIA AND GREEK TROOPS ARE STUBBORNLY RESISTING AT THE FEW POINTS OF CONTACT LEFT THEM IN THRACE AND ELSEWHERE IN THE EAST.

The Germans have suffered terrific losses in their ceaseless mechanised thrusts, supported by violent Stuka dive-bombing attacks. It is claimed in Athens that the Greeks were outnumbered 30 to one.

In Berlin, the capture of Salonika, cutting off the Greek army east of the Varda River, is claimed to have paved the way to a decisive battle with the British and Greek armies blocking the way to the heart of Greece.

After the Nazi-reported "collapse" of the Greek Thracian army, which the Germans, for propaganda purposes, allege "offered to surrender and laid down its arms," the initial blitzkrieg stroke enabled German forces to pour through Salonika and Prilep towards the Olympic region. THE GERMANS ARE EXPECTED TO DAY TO MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME THE ENTRENCHED MAIN BODIES OF THE GREEKS AND BRITISH. The line where the decisive battle is likely to be fought runs roughly from beyond the Ostrava region, in north Greece, to Katerini. German objective is an advance to the key-points of Janina, Trikala and Larissa. The British have been concentrating in the Olympic region for some time. (Continued on Page 16)

## NAZIS ORGANISING CZARIST ARMY FOR THE UKRAINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMANY IS quietly mobilising a huge Fifth Column army of Czarist officers, White Russian dissidents and Ukrainians for eventual use against the Soviet, it was learned in London yesterday.

The leaders of the organisation are being assured that perhaps within a year, certainly not later than next year, Nazi panzer divisions will thunder across Moscow's Red Square.

### INTERESTING MOSCOW TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A conference which was described as unusually long and lasting for about 2-1/2 hours took place yesterday in Moscow between the United States Ambassador, Mr. Reinhardt, and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsukata.—International News Service.

### TWO BRITISH TRAWLERS LOST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Admiralty in London yesterday announced the loss of the trawlers Lord Seaborne and Craymond Island.—International News Service.

In the organising work Germany is using the files of the famous French Deuxieme Bureau, which for years has gathered copious dossiers of thousands of Russian exiles in France.

White Russians in France have suddenly been provided with comfortable quarters and Czarist officers given lucrative administrative positions in Germany.

ALL UNEMPLOYED WHITE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THE "FREE CORPS," WHOSE ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS VAGUE, AND A SIMILAR CORPS IS BEING DRILLED IN POLAND.

Hetman Ukoropadsi, anti-Soviet Ukrainian, is directing the corps.—International News Service.

## NAZIS TACKLE MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Soviet Ambassador in Berlin yesterday conferred with Ribbentrop and later with the Japanese Ambassador.

It is believed the talks related to the Balkan situation, as well as Mr. Matsukata's prolonged conversations in Moscow.

The Soviet Government and the German Ambassador in Moscow are also exchanging views, but regarding the situation in the Balkans, according to a report published by the "Daily Telegraph."

It will be recalled that a high Soviet Authority in London on Tuesday told International News that the Russo-German non-aggression pact has weakened considerably as a result of Nazi aggression in the Balkans.—International News Service.

## ENEMY TRANSPORTS TORPEDOED

The Admiralty announced last night: "One of our submarines in the Central Mediterranean has carried out a successful attack on a southbound convoy of heavily-laden transports and supply ships. A ship of about 12,000 tons was hit by two torpedoes. A ship of about 6,000 tons was also hit by a torpedo."—British Wireless.

To-morrow being Good Friday, there will be no issue of the "China Mail." Publication will be resumed as usual on Saturday.



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## Warns France That Blockade Will Be Enforced

### NORWAY URGED TO PATIENCE

KING HAARON, BROADCASTING FROM LONDON ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSAULT ON NORWAY YESTERDAY, APPEALED TO NORWEGIANS TO "DO NO RASH ACT WHICH MAY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FOR THE WHOLE OF OUR PEOPLE."

He added: "The days to come may be hard and you may have to endure even greater privation than you have yet known but stand firm, do not lose courage and look confidently toward the not far distant day when Norway will be again."—Reuter.

### R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

In Abyssinia, camps and other military objectives in the Gondar area were bombed on Sunday and Monday by R.A.F. aircraft and a Free French squadron.

Direct hits were made on aerodrome buildings at Gondar, one of which caught fire.

South African aircraft successfully attacked motor transport in the Asela area.

Enemy landing grounds in Cyrenaica were bombed and troop concentrations continuously attacked.

From all operations, all British aircraft returned safely to base.—Reuter.

### PARLIAMENT'S THANKS

A resolution of thanks to the Forces and the workers, moved by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday, was carried unanimously.

A similar motion was carried in the House of Lords on the motion of Lord Moyne, Leader of the House.—Reuter.

### YUGOSLAVIA WAR RELIEF

The Hyderabad State War Purposes Fund has decided to contribute £1,000 to war relief in Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

## Soviet Advised To Watch Ukraine

TURNING TO FRANCE, IN THE COURSE OF A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, CORDIALLY WELCOMED MARSHAL PETAIN'S DECLARATION THAT FRANCE WOULD NEITHER ACT AGAINST HER FORMER ALLY NOR TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST HER.

Mr. Churchill added; "We must, however, realise that the Vichy Government is in the hands of the Germans. I wish to make it clear that we must maintain our blockade against Germany and those rights of contraband control at sea which have never been lost.

"Nevertheless we have allowed in practice very considerable quantities of food to go to France out of a sincere desire to spare the French people every hardship in our power.

"When, however, it comes to thousands of tons of rubber and other vital war material, which passes directly to the German armies, we are bound, even at the risk of a collision with French warships at sea, to enforce our rights as recognised by international law. (Cheers).

"There is one other form of action into which Vichy might be led by the dictation of Germany, namely the sending of powerful war vessels, which are unfinished or even damaged, from French African ports to ports in metropolitan France which are either under the control of the Germans or may, at short notice, fall under their control.

"Such movements of French war vessels will alter the balance of naval power and would thus prejudice the interests of the United States as well as our own.

"Therefore I trust that such an incident will be avoided, or if they are not avoided, that the consequences which will follow from them will be understood and fairly judged by the French nation."

### R.A.F. Power

Mr. Churchill continued: "I am glad to be able to report a continued and marked improvement in the relative strength of the R.A.F. as compared with that of Germany.

"Also I draw attention to the remarkable increase in its actual strength and in its bombing capacity and also a marked augmentation in the power and size of bombs which we

shall be using in ever increasing numbers.

"The series which we are now accustomed to make upon German harbours and cities are increasing in numbers. In some cases we have already in our raids exceeded in severity anything which a single town has in a single night experienced over here.

### German Raids

"At the same time there is a sensible improvement in our means of dealing with German raids upon this island. Now moonlight periods are looked forward to by the R.A.F. as opportunities for inflicting severe deterrent losses upon raiders as well as for striking hard at the enemy in his own territory.

"The fact that technical advisers welcome light—daylight, moonlight and starlight—is pregnant with hope and with meaning.

"But after all everything turns upon the Battle of the Atlantic which is proceeding with growing intensity on both sides.

### Shipping Losses

"Our losses in ships and tonnage are very heavy and vast as are our shipping resources. These losses could not continue indefinitely without seriously affecting our war effort.

"We have lost since the beginning of the war nearly four million tons of British shipping. As against this we have gained, under the British flag over three million tons of foreign or newly constructed tonnage.

Therefore at the moment our enormous fleets sail the seas without any serious or obvious diminution.

"But what is to happen if losses continue at the present rate? Where are we to find another three or four million tons to fill the gap which is being created to carry us on through 1942?

"We are building merchant ships upon a very considerable scale. We are doing our utmost to accelerate the turn round of our ships.

### Gigantic Building

"But, when all is said and done, the only way in which we can get through 1942 without a very sensible contraction in our war effort, is by another gigantic building of merchant ships in the United States to that prodigy of output accomplished by the Americans in 1918.

"We have an assurance that several million tons of American new-built shipping will be available for the common struggle

during the course of next year. (Cheers).

"Here, then, is an assurance

upon which we may count for staying powers without when it will not be possible to save the world from the criminals.

"I am confident that we shall succeed in coping with the attack upon shipping in the western and north-western approaches.

### Hint To Eire

"I hope that eventually the inhabitants of the island may realise that it is as much in her interests as it is in ours that her ports and air fields should be available for naval and air forces which must operate even further into the Atlantic.

"The defeat of the U-boats and surface raiders has been proved to be entirely a question of adequate escorts for convoys.

"It would indeed be disastrous if the great masses of weapons, munitions and instruments of war, made with the toil and skill of American hands and loaned to us under the Aid to Britain Bill, were to sink into the depths of the ocean and never reach the hard-pressed fighting line.

"It would be a result lamentable to us over here and I cannot believe it would be found acceptable to the proud and resolute people of the United States. (Cheers).

### Revenue Cutters

"I am authorised to state that 10 United States revenue cutters, fast vessels of about 2,000 tons displacement with a fine armament and a wide range of endurance, have already been placed at our disposal by the United States Government and will soon be in action. (Cheers).

"It is of course very hazardous to try to forecast in what direction Hitler will employ his military machine in the present year.

"HE MAY AT ANY TIME ATTEMPT AN INVASION OF THIS ISLAND. IT IS AN ORDEAL FROM WHICH WE SHALL NOT SHRINK.

"At the present moment he is driving fast through the Balkans and at any moment may turn upon Turkey.

### The Ukraine

"But there are many signs which point to an attempt to secure the granary of the Ukraine and the oilfields of the Caucasus, as a German means of gaining resources with which to wear down the English-speaking world.

"ONCE WE HAVE GAINED THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AND ARE SURE OF A CONSTANT FLOW OF AMERICAN SUPPLIES, THEN, HOWEVER FAR HITLER MAY GO OR WHATEVER NEW MILLIONS OR SCORES OF MILLIONS HE MAY LAY IN MISERY, ARMED WITH THE SWORD OF RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE, WE SHALL BE ON HIS TRACK. (LOUD CHEERS).—REUTER.

## HAVOC IN RAIDS ON REICH

Details of the havoc wrought in Bremen and Wilhelmshaven raids in recent months have now reached London.

Several workshops at the Atlas shipyard in Bremen were demolished, and a few of the important flour and seed-crushing mills and cold stores were hit.

Factories damaged included the Focke-Wulf aircraft assembly plant.

The Deschimag shipyard, which produces every class of warship except battleships, has been repeatedly bombed.

In attacks on Wilhelmshaven several of the most important engineering shops were destroyed or damaged and work on warships rendered difficult for some time to come.

### Naval Barracks Hit

Several public buildings were destroyed or gutted, including important naval barrack buildings, where casualties among personnel were heavy.

The results will become apparent with the difficulties which Germany will experience in keeping her naval forces in full fighting trim and in delays to new construction.—Reuter.

## MR. GAUSS PREPARES TO LEAVE

MR. CLARENCE E. GAUSS, NEWLY-APPOINTED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, IS DEPARTING TO-DAY FROM NEW YORK FOR CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WILL VISIT HIS FAMILY, AND WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA LATER.

Mr. Gauss called at the White House yesterday, bidding farewell to President Roosevelt. He later told Pressmen that he was glad to return to China where he has many friends.

It is reported that he may meet Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, before going to Chungking.—Central News.

## SINGAPORE BANS JAPANESE BOOKS

The Straits Settlements authorities have banned the importation of new Japanese elementary school textbooks which have been adopted for use in schools in Japan, says a Japanese report.

The books were banned, it is added, because "some of the contents" are against British national policy.—Reuter.

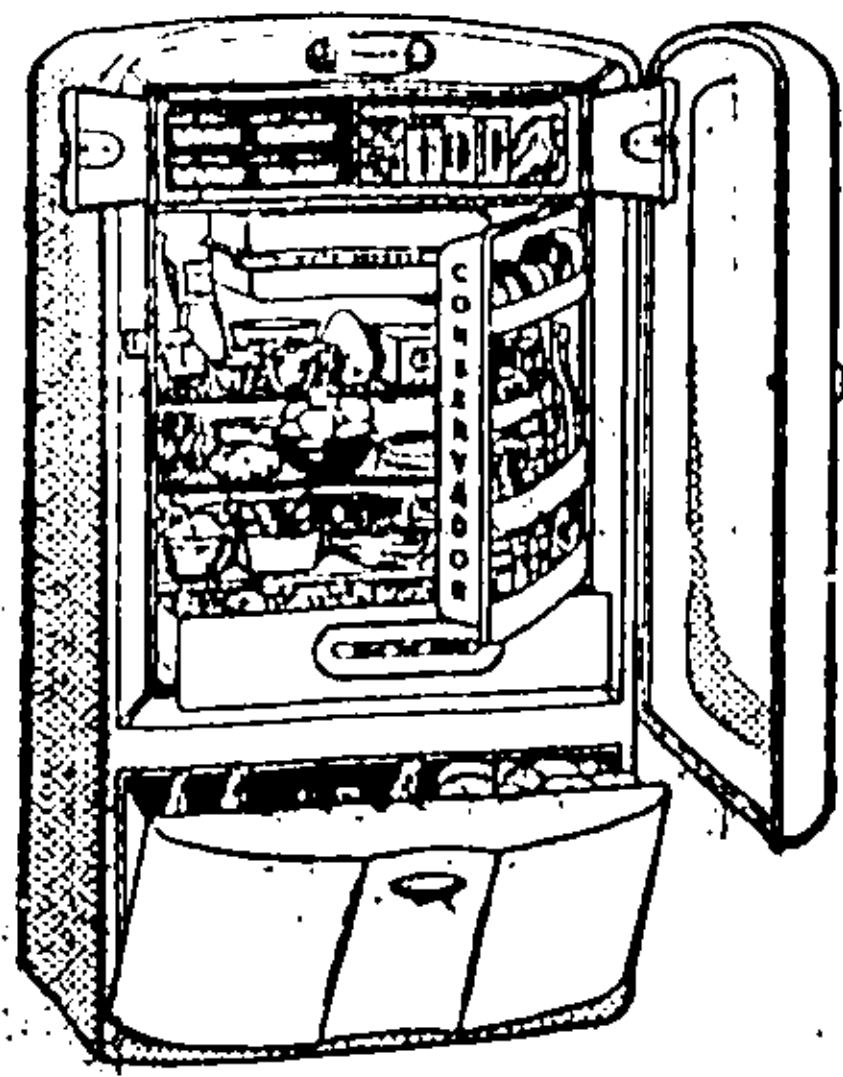
## U.S. COAL STRIKE TO END

An agreement in the American bituminous coal industry strike "sufficient to assure the country that there will be no danger of a coal shortage," is announced by Mr. J. R. Steelman, Federal Government negotiator in the dispute. He did not indicate when the bituminous mines would re-open.—Reuter.

## WAYSIDE NORMAL

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Wayside area of Shanghai is now normal after extensive restrictions following the murder of Sergeant Yoshida and Private Kojima, of the Japanese Gendarmerie, by two Chinese gunmen.—International News Service.

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# British Forces In Libya Making Stand At Tobruk



Hong Kong's new Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pennefather - Evans, photographed yesterday with the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. C. G. Perdue.

## ITALY'S REPRISAL

Italy has demanded the recall of the United States assistant Military Attache, Captain W. C. Bentley, who is also Military Attache for Air, from the Embassy in Rome.

This was announced by the State Department in Washington yesterday.

The United States recently demanded the recall of the Italian Naval Attache, Admiral Lais, and in their demand Note, apparently a reprisal, the Italians say Admiral Lais has ceased to function and will leave the United States without delay. — Reuter.

## HUNGARY ENEMY TERRITORY

The Government of India yesterday declared Hungary enemy territory, says Reuter from New Delhi.

## MASSAWA NOW FULLY OCCUPIED

MASSAWA CAPITULATED on Tuesday afternoon and has now been occupied by British troops, states a communique issued by British General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

Meanwhile British mobile units are continuing their advance south and south-west along the Dessie-Gondar road.

In Libya the British rearguard whose role it was to delay the enemy advance while the main British concentrations were being completed, was heavily engaged all Tuesday by numerically superior forces.

Massawa was occupied by Imperial and Free French forces at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The defenders abandoned their futile resistance against

## REINFORCEMENTS TAKE UP STRONG POSITIONS

BRITISH TANKS AND OTHER REINFORCEMENTS IN LIBYA ARE NOW ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES IN STRONG FORTIFICATIONS AT TOBRUK.

This was revealed by Lord Moyne, the Colonial Secretary, speaking in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Moyne said the abandonment of Benghazi was a direct consequence of the reinforcements sent to Greece, together with withdrawals of armoured vehicles for overhaul.

It was likely that the Germans, following their 600-mile advance from Tripoli to Benghazi, were now facing growing difficulties regarding repairs, fuel, water and other supplies, and they lacked the sea power which supported Britain's spectacular advance.

Aided by sea power, British tanks were now establishing in force around Tobruk.

Lord Moyne expressed a hope that President Roosevelt would soon remove the Red Sea from the list of combat zones, now that Italian bases there had been liquidated.

This would enable American supplies to go direct via the Red Sea, saving shipping and time involved by transshipment. — Reuter.

## A PEOPLE'S WAR

MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, SAID IF EVER A WAR COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A PEOPLE'S WAR IT WAS THIS ONE.

He added: "If every leader the people had was struck down tomorrow, the people of this country and of the British Empire would fight on."

They would raise up for themselves new leaders because they had not been led into this war. They had marched into it and had asked these leaders to take them into it. — Reuter.

## POPE PEACE APPEAL ABANDONED

The Pope's plan to make a peace appeal in his Easter address is believed to have been changed.

The address precedes the blessing "Urbi et Orbi" on Sunday.

A message received in Berne from Rome states that following the extension of the war to the Balkans, the Pope feels it is impossible to make a peace move at the present time. — Reuter.

## JAPANESE ACCEPT COMPROMISE

MR. TATEKI HORIUCHI, JAPANESE CONSUL - GENERAL, HAS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL THAT THE NOMINATION OF THREE JAPANESE COUNCILLORS TO THE S.M.C. WAS DECIDED AT A MEETING OF THE JAPANESE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION, IT WAS LEARNED.

The three Japanese nominated include Mr. Yutaro Hanawa, manager of the Shanghai branch of the M.B.K., Mr. Issaku Okamoto, a lawyer and former Japanese consul-general at Singapore, and Mr. Yasuzo Yajima, manager of the Shanghai office of the N.Y.K. — Reuter.

## ADDIS ABABA CAPTURES

Order is being successfully preserved in Addis Ababa, it was officially stated in Nairobi yesterday.

Important stocks of arms and material of all kinds have been captured.

The large number of prisoners captured includes two Blackshirt battalions, complete with over 60 pilots and 1,000 air force ground personnel.

Indian troops participated in the capture of the Abyssinian capital. — Reuter.

## CENTRE OF GRAVITY OF WAR SHIFTS

"The centre of gravity of the war had gone from west to east and there is no need now to speak any further about an invasion of Britain," declared Col. Popoff in yesterday's "Red Star," issue of the Soviet Army.

Discussing the Balkans front, Col. Popoff says: "The German command is facing a serious enemy." — Reuter.

## SERIOUS LOSS

Mrs. L. A. Lewis, of No. 517, The Peak, has informed the Police that while travelling between Repulse Bay Hotel and her residence, between 7 p.m. and midnight on Tuesday, she lost half of a diamond brooch, valued at \$1,500.

## BLACK-OUT FINES

Some 40 residents in Yaumati and Shamshuipo districts were fined from \$5 to \$15 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for breaches of Lighting Regulations during the last Black-out, February 26 to 28.

## NEW FORM OF COUNCIL

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The evolution of "a more satisfactory form of municipal government" for the International Settlement in Shanghai will be proposed by the new regrouped "provisional" Council if resolutions before the special Ratepayers Meeting on April 17 are passed.

The plan foresees the resignation of the present Council and assumption of office by a regrouped "provisional" Council, with three Britons, three Americans, three Japanese, four Chinese, one German and one each of two other communities.

Nanking circles are believed to be seeking to take the three seats vacated by Mr. Yu Ya-ching, Mr. Chen Ting-sheng and Mr. William Gockson, now in Hong Kong. — International News Service.

## EMPLOYEES OF BANK RELEASED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] More than 130 employees of the Bank of China's Shanghai branch, kidnapped and held by the Wang Ching-wei police as retaliation for terrorism against the Central Reserve Bank, have been released after 18 days in captivity. — International News Service.

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## FEAT OF INDIA'S TROOPS

"The whole Empire has been stirred by the achievements of the Indian forces in Eritrea," states Mr. Churchill in a personal message to the Viceroy of India yesterday.

"The story of the ardour and perseverance with which they scaled and finally conquered the precipitous heights of Keren recalls memories of the North-West Frontier of long years ago, and it is as one who has had the honour to serve in the field with Indian soldiers from all parts of Hindustan, as well as in the name of His Majesty's Government, that I ask Your Excellency to convey to them and the whole Indian Army the pride and admiration with which we have followed their heroic exploits."

The Viceroy replied: "I have conveyed to the forces of India now fighting in Eritrea and to the whole Indian Army your generous message for which I on their behalf thank you most heartily."

"Coming as it does from one who all his life has sought battle and found it in many varied fields in all parts of the world and is now the fighting leader of the British Commonwealth of Nations, your message is an inspiration to us all." *Reuter*

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Mr. Kearley, who is Wood Green's A.R.P. medical storekeeper, has started a "Buy Your Own Bomb" campaign in the district. He is inviting neighbours to club together to buy their own bomb and name it.

"There are plenty of bomber funds and fighter funds," he said. "But what good are the bombers without the bombs?"

"Beside bombers cost such a lot of money. Thirty bob, however, buys a very useful incendiary—with the big H.E. fellows correspondingly dearer—and the money is very quickly and easily saved up."

### "A Real Kick"

"Anyone who has collected enough money for a bomb can get a real kick out of the knowledge that his contribution is doing a useful personal job of work—instead of, perhaps, paying for a couple of screws and nuts."

"We are organising dances and concerts locally, the proceeds of which will be put to the bomb fund."

"Then I hope to get hold of an empty shop in which to exhibit the bombcases so that anyone who wants to write a 'friendly little greeting will be able to do so.'"

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AGED 16, STEALS \$1,700

Neatly dressed, a 16-year-old mess boy, employed in La Salle College, stood in the dock before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning charged with stealing \$1,700 from the College between March 7 and 29.

The lad, pleading guilty, was remanded for 48 hours.

The Director of the College reported the theft of the money to the police yesterday following which Det.-Sgt. C. Downman went to the school to investigate.

In the investigation, Det.-Sgt. Downman noticed accused wearing an expensive watch. Questioned, accused then admitted that he had stolen the money and took the police to No. 420, Prince Edward, where \$1,050 was recovered.

The rest of the money had been spent on the purchase of a camera, valued at \$400, two watches and two fountain pens.

GERMAN NIGHT RAIDS WIDESPREAD

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

German raiders last night were over East Anglia, the Midlands, the West Country and north-west towns.

Many were killed in Tuesday night's fire blitz on Coventry, when the devastation nearly equalled that of the first blitz. — International News Service.

A VERY STRANGE CASE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on Lai Wo, 30, for possession of a revolver and eight rounds of ammunition without a licence.

The revolver and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said it was a very strange case. Accused went to a cigarette stall master at the side-door of No. 1, Temple Street at 12.30 a.m., pointing the revolver at him and asking for money.

Another Chinese, who was not arrested, came up and shouted "Don't move."

The master, who was about to pack up his stall, told them that that was not the way to ask for help and he assured them that he would treat them a meal if they would wait for few minutes until he had finished packing up his stall.

The other Chinese waited, but accused went away for ten minutes, returning with no revolver which, it was later established, was buried near an Air Raid Shelter in Chiff Road by accused.

The master kept his promise and treated them to a meal in a cafe, but declined to pay them money.

The following morning, the police received information and Principal Chinese Detective Shek Tui, went to the stall and was told that someone had come up for money.

Meanwhile, accused appeared in the vicinity, and was pointed out by the master and arrested.

The revolver and ammunition were discovered by a Sanitary Department coolie, who handed them to the police.

"BRAIN SPLIT IN TWO"

Five times wounded, holder of the Military Cross and an acting captain in the last war, Guy Cochrane Veale Greetham, forty-four, a soldier, was at Bourne-mouth Quarter Sessions described by an officer as a man whose "brain seemed to have been split in two."

Greetham pleaded guilty to obtaining credit for £3 2s. 6d. by means of fraud and obtaining £1 by falsely pretending he was a captain in the Army and in possession of an Army draft for £28.

He also admitted three outstanding charges, one of falsely wearing a captain's uniform and two of false pretences.

He was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

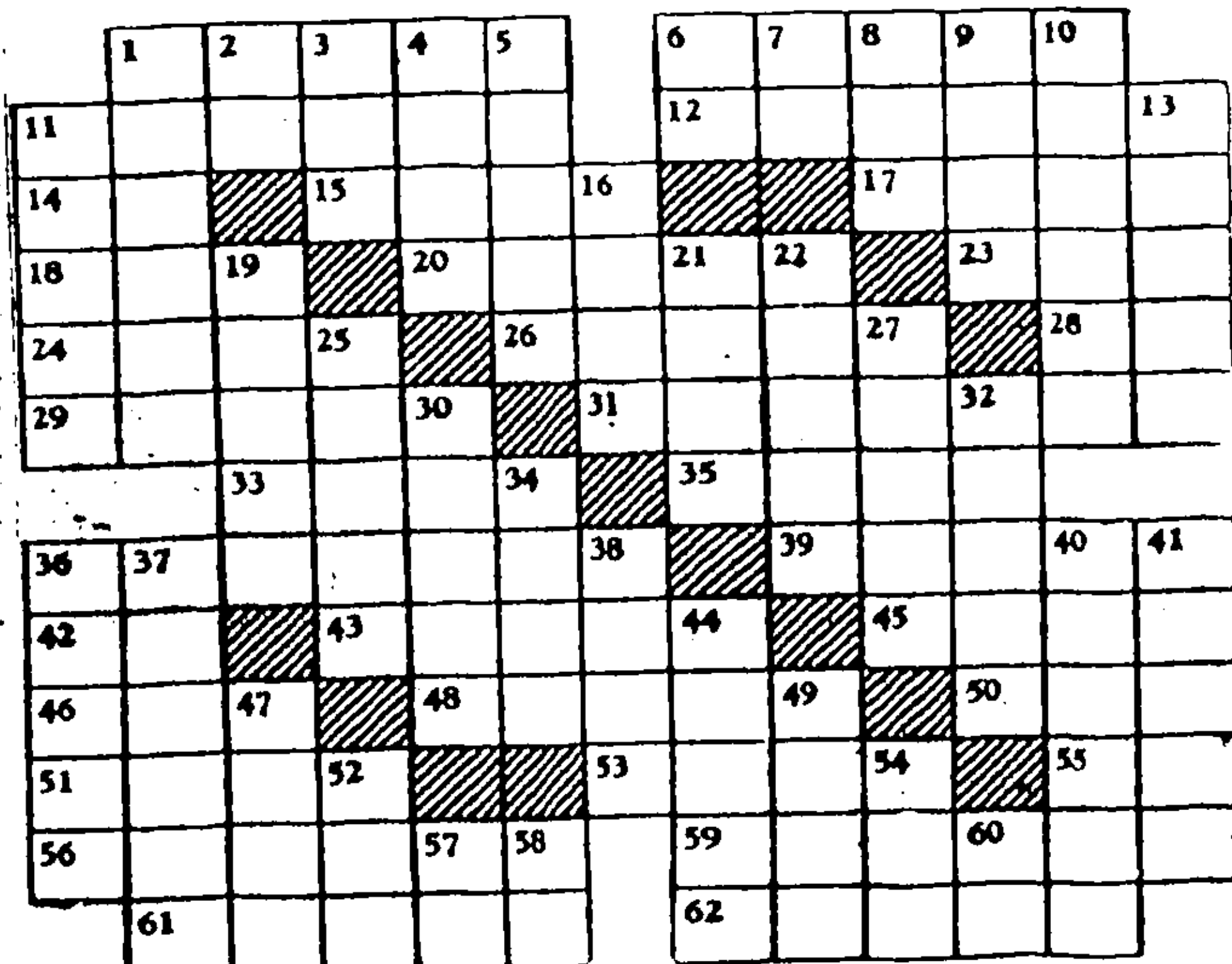
Detective Jones said Greetham was placed on the retired list with the rank of captain in 1921, but five years later, on being convicted, was removed from the Army List and deprived of his rank.

ONE-ARMED M.C. TO REJOIN REGIMENT

Captain Adrian Hopkins, former Mayor of Bath, who won the M.C. and lost an arm in the last war, is to rejoin his old regiment, the R.A.

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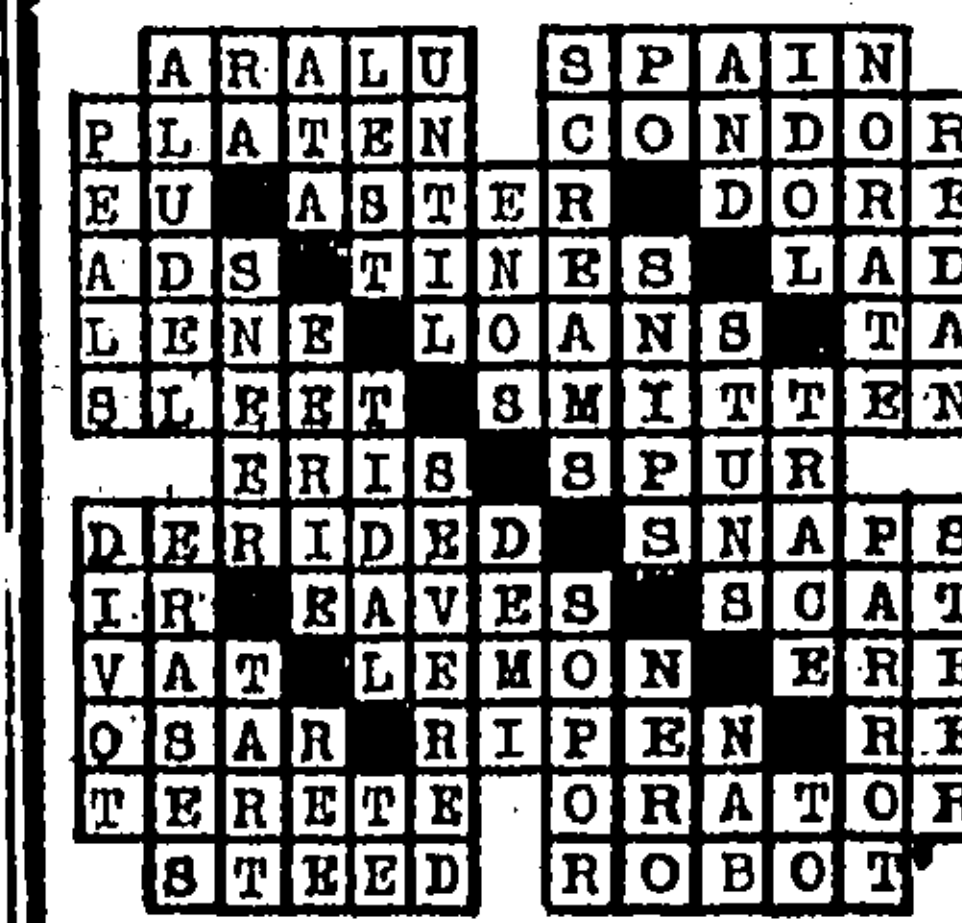
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# GERMANY FEELING PINCH OF BRITISH BLOCKADE SEVERELY

**BLOCKADE IS LIKE A CHRONIC DISEASE AND IS INDUBITABLY A VITAL FACTOR IN GERMANY'S WAR SITUATION, DECLARED AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.**

Transport congestion and labour shortage already are serious problems. Transport delays have been aggravated by air raids and the labour shortage persists despite importations of forced labour from Poland, Norway and other occupied countries.

Many instances are known of German merchants cancelling orders because the railways were unable to deliver the goods.

Despite the official censorship there is increasing evidence in the German newspapers that shortages are now much more severe and that the blockade is taking effect.

The oil supply position is obviously difficult as Germany herself does not expect to receive more than 3,000,000 tons from Rumania. Even with favourable conditions the Reich is unlikely to get over 2,500,000 tons from Rumania and perhaps 1,000,000 tons from Russia.

## Starvation Rations

This might keep Germany going if the occupied countries could continue on the present starvation rations and if Germany's synthetic production was unimpaired.

Rubber production is only one-third of the probable wartime minimum needs and very severe restrictions have been imposed in Germany.

The shortage of textiles is severely felt by German civilians.

The general difficulties are best illustrated by the prevalence of black markets throughout German Europe and the extremely severe sentences inflicted on hoarders and traffickers in food.

A dangerous scarcity is sure to arise, more through distribution difficulties than from a complete absence of supplies.

## Transport Strain

Apart from the increased war traffic, the blockade, by closing the ports of Hamburg, Bremen and the eastern Mediterranean, has caused an immense strain on internal transport.

The congestion in Marseilles is such that even greatly needed supplies cannot be quickly moved.

The recent enrolment of recruits for the army in many cases removed the last youthful labour, which is irreplaceable by war prisoners owing to the lack of administrative staff.

The general picture is, therefore, one of a highly organised economy strained at very many points by the blockade.

## Painful Effort

The maintenance of industries, the necessity to grow food instead of importing it, the need to supply the German armies in occupied countries, and the organisation of supplies from Russia, all means that Germany's economic resources are exerted in a painful effort.

Germany's propaganda for relaxation of the blockade shows how the Germans feel it.—Reuter.

## FORESTRY GUARD ATTACKED

Three Chinese Gunners of the Royal Artillery, and three Chinese Sappers of the Royal Engineers, were summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for assaulting a forestry guard, Wong Wah, in Victoria Road on February 24.

The accused were Spr. Wong Shing-man, Spr. Fok Man, Spr. Fong Fook, Gnr. Lo Shum-kit, Gnr. Tim Jo-yuen and Gnr. Kwan Ching, and they pleaded not guilty.

Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. P. Murphy, conducted the prosecution.

It was stated that the forestry guard, on duty in Victoria Road, saw a party of Chinese women carrying wild tree wood. He tried to stop the women and was obstructed by two men who claimed to be from the Fort. Later, the two men returned with a party of more than twenty men and attacked the guard.

He made a report to No. 7 Police Station and was sent to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Dr. Lui Kwai-to, of Queen Mary Hospital, told the Court that he examined Wong Wah, who had injuries to the right side of the chest, the back, a cut on his right eye, and a bruise in the lower part of the eye.

Wong Wah, in evidence, who said that he was stationed in a hut at the junction of Mount Davis and Pokfulam, alleged he was assaulted by the accused, with another party of over 20 men.

The case is proceeding.

## SPARE MAN IN DOCK!

COUNTING PRISONERS IN THE DOCK AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, A CHINESE CONSTABLE FOUND HE HAD ONE TOO MANY.

"I want to go to prison," was the answer of the extra man, when asked what he was doing there. He had in his possession, a knife, a file and a screw-driver. This morning, he was charged with trespassing and with possession of instruments for an unlawful purpose.

He was bound over in a bond of \$50 to be of good behaviour for a year.

## TURKEY TO CONTINUE AS NON-BELLIGERENT

It is understood that the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, told the People's Party on Tuesday that the Government would in the meanwhile continue the policy of non-belligerency, continuing closely to watch developments affecting Turkish interests.—Reuter.

## DANE CREWS REMAINING ON BOARD

Disposition of the four Danish ships taken under protective custody by the U.S. Navy in Manila is awaiting instructions from Washington, navy officials said.

Three of the ships, the Grete Maersk, Gertrude Maersk and Hulda Maersk were still riding at anchor in Manila harbour while the fourth, the Marchen Maersk was in Cebu, all with skeleton crews still aboard and with naval guards on each ship.

The question of what to do with the members of the crews still was undecided. While some government quarters insisted that they could not be interned since the United States was not at war with any of the Axis powers, others maintained their internment would be permissible if it was determined there was no place to send the men and their return to Denmark was found impossible.

## PORTUGUESE WOMAN ATTACKED

Mrs. F. N. Cunha, of No. 6, King's Terrace, was involved in a struggle with a snatcher in Tak Shing Street yesterday.

Mrs. Cunha fell to the ground but held on to the snatcher until the arrival of a Portuguese boy, J. Roza Pereira, who assisted her and escorted the snatcher to the police station.

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, the culprit, Chan Chuen-lam, 22, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

## WOMAN'S FRAUD

A 32-year-old woman, Wong Lai-hing, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for obtaining \$17 from a hotel boy by false pretences.

She pretended she could get three Immigration certificates for \$17. When the money was paid, she disappeared. Detective Sergeant J. Macdonald prosecuted.



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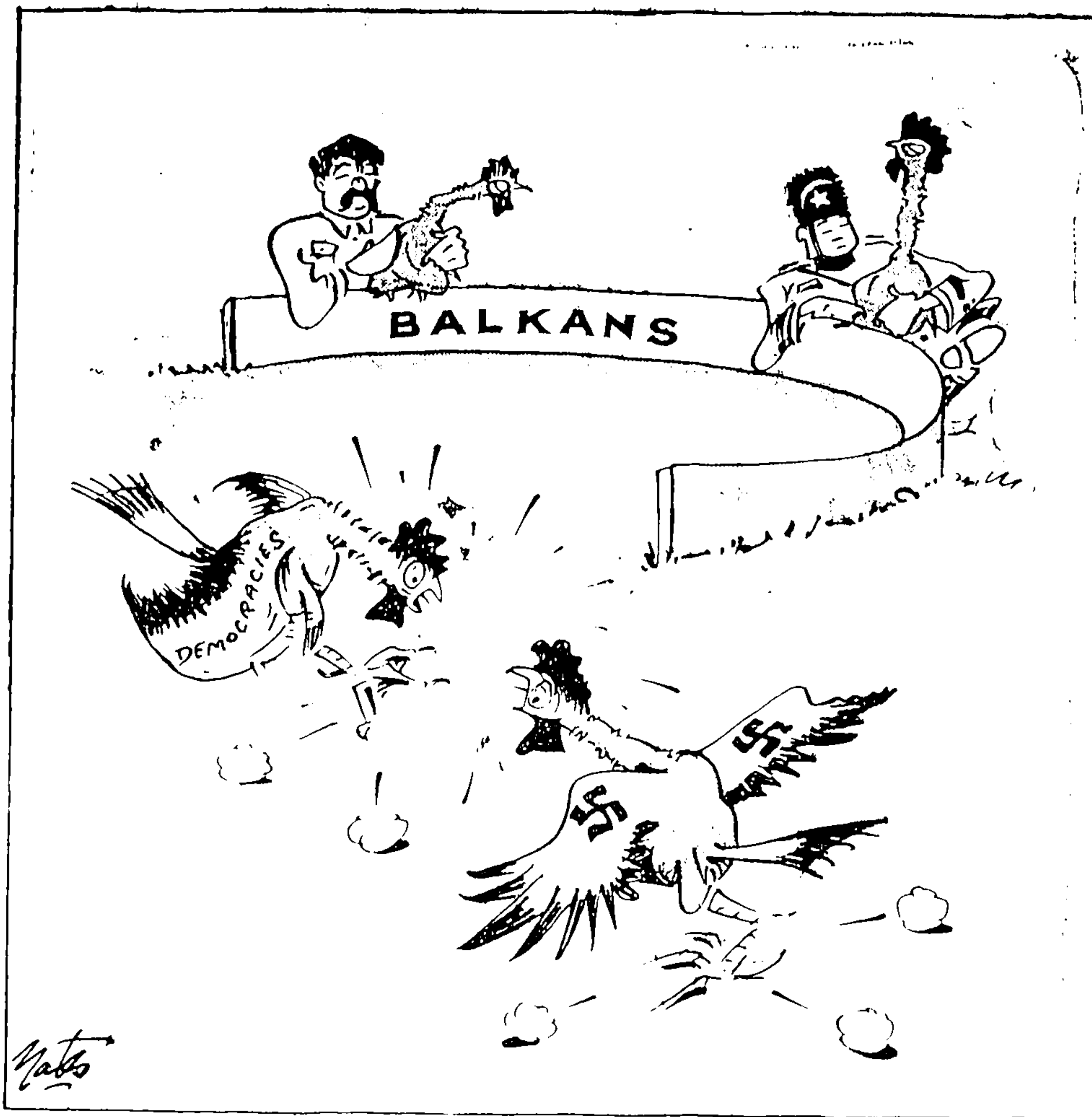
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### THE BLOCKADE

Marshal Petain, while confirming British confidence in his mood and motives by re-stating that it is a matter of honour for France to do nothing against her former ally, has furnished no good reason for relaxation of the blockade. Demand of most British observers is that more rigid enforcement is essential, because Marseilles has been permitted to become a dangerous leak. And there is ground for suspicion that the evidence of British unwillingness to make things more difficult for Marshal Petain has encouraged the Nazis, through Admiral Darlan, to agitate to secure a widening of the gap. When Marshal Petain, therefore, proclaims that Admiral Darlan has his fullest confidence, the chances of practical measures to meet the problem are small indeed.

The precedent of the last War, when supplies were sent into occupied Belgium for distribution to the civilian population under American, and later under Spanish and Dutch, control, is present to many minds. It does not, however, apply today. In 1914 the problem was of manageable dimensions. The invaded area was small, the supplies required were limited, and no abuse could have been on a sufficient scale to bring substantial advantage to Germany. None of these conditions obtains to-day, when some ninety million people are under the heel of Nazi domination. Moreover the moral atmosphere of 1940 is wholly different from that of 1914. In the last War the violation of Belgian neutrality drew apologetic excuses even from Imperial Germany. The idea of neutrality as such had not been trampled under foot. Small neutral countries in Europe retained their full independence and the respect of all the belligerents, Germany included. Now there is not a neutral in Europe whose good will Hitler would hesitate to flout, or whose territory he would shrink from attacking. The United States is more or less openly regarded by Nazi Germany as a hostile Power. No neutral influence restrains Hitler and his confederates; and no form of neutral control could be devised which would afford the slightest guarantee against abuse of any philanthropic enterprise. Any supplies reaching Nazi-occupied Europe are a direct or in-



THE WATCH ON THE SIDELINES

# The Dodecanese

"In my twofold capacity as a general and a Christian," said the Italian General Ameglio in the Cathedral of Rhodes on May 4, 1912, "these islands provisionally occupied by Italy will at the end of this war against the Turks be given once again their ancient autonomy. You can rely on my promise as you would on the Gospel itself." But from that day until now the Greek inhabitants of the "Twelve Islands," the Dodecanese (there are really thirteen, for Rhodes is now included in the group), have remained in the Laocoon, that masterpiece of Rhodian sculpture. The tragic pathos expressed in the countenances of the father and the elder son may well have been felt by these patriotic islanders when, under the Italian administration, they were persecuted, sent into exile, and generally maltreated. When the Italians arrived the island of Calymnos, mountainous and bare except for two fertile valleys, had 25,000 inhabitants; after six years only half of them remained. In Leros, noted for its excellent harbour, the population fell from 8,000 to 2,500, while in star-shaped Symi, where the best sailing and rowing craft are constructed, the 23,000 inhabitants became 7,000. The population, by the way, of the whole group was in 1936 reckoned at 140,818, of which Rhodes, by far the largest, the Island of Roses—whose soil, according to Homer, was watered by Zeus with a rain of gold,—contained 61,886 in her 545 square miles out of the total of 1,035 square miles.

In addition to those, we have mentioned there are the islands of Lipsos, Patmos, wild and desolate, with an admirable port at Scala—Patmos, where St. John, the favourite disciple of Christ, wrote the Apocalypse; Cos, where the first school of medicine was established, Hippocrates and his followers giving it a vast prestige; mountainous Astypalaia, around which are the finest sponges; wooded Nisyros, prolific in pumice-stone and mill-stone; the small Telos, with orange and lemon trees; Chalki, with its ancient capital an hour's walk from the sea, established there on account of the pirates, Algerian Tunisian, Arab, and others—the great tragedy of Chalki was when the Venetians suffocated all the inhabitants who had taken refuge in

direct asset to Hitler, who will have no scruple about turning them to his own uses. The blockade must remain intact.

a cavern. To the south-west of Rhodes is the long, narrow island of Carpathos, with excellent anchorage in some of her bays, and lastly there is Casos, above whose precipitous and unapproachable coasts there lie a few fertile valleys which the inhabitants cultivate with great industry.

From the days of Homer, who tells us of the warships sent by the islands to serve under Agamemnon, the people of the Twelve Islands have been the most ardent of Greeks. But over and over again they have been obliged, because of their situation—in the hands of a great naval Power they could easily dominate the road to

By Henry Baerlein

Suez and the Dardanelles—and because of the comparative paucity of their population, to live under alien rule. That of the Romans, from 130 B.C. to A.D. 400, was generally severe except in the case of Cos, which out of gratitude for the benefits enjoyed by emperors and consuls who were cured of various ailments by the physicians of that island was exempted from the heavy burdens imposed on the others. It was during this period, by the way, that Xenophon, the famous doctor of Cos, came to England in his professional capacity, and he was the first native of the Dodecanese to visit this country.

Then came the Byzantine period; the large extent of the empire and its great prosperity made it the object of predatory raids from all quarters. Thus we see that Isaurians, Persians, Saracens, Genoese, Crusaders, Knights of St. John, and Turks appear in turn in the Dodecanese. Works of art would naturally suffer during these invasions; a hundred of the 3,000 statues in Rhodes during the Greek period had been considered as marvels. Many of them met the fate of the Colossus, which immense mass of brass is reported to have been carried away by 800 camels, and when Richard Coeur de Lion stopped at Rhodes with a British fleet in 1191 it is said that "he viewed with profound astonishment the splendid remains of mightier works of art." The Turks, much more than the Knights of St. John, were sympathetic rulers; for the Knights were as exacting as they afterwards showed

themselves in Malta, while Suleiman the Magnificent, who ousted them in 1523, did not only, like General Ameglio, declare that the islanders should have autonomy, but he kept his word.

Nevertheless the national conscience of the islanders had remained alive, and when the other Greeks rose against the Turks in 1821 their example was followed by the islanders, which resulted in the people of Cos being sold into slavery and many another island devastated. In 1830 the Dodecanese were placed under the protection of England, France, and Russia, which was not altogether a satisfactory solution. However, when Mahmoud II would have abolished the islanders' privileges it was owing to England's protest that he published a firman, still preserved in the monastery at Patmos, which re-established complete autonomy. In 1867, during the Cretan insurrection, the Dodecanese again displayed their Greek spirit, and in 1867 the Sultan sent another expedition of fourteen warships to work his will.

When the Young Turks proclaimed the Constitution in 1908 a rosy dawn appeared to be at hand, but in July, 1909, they sent a telegram abolishing all the privileges. For this reason the islanders were delighted to help the Italians during the Italo-Turkish war of 1912; their assistance was so effective that the Turkish garrison at Psinthos was taken with the loss of only five men. In return the Italians have continued to act in such an oppressive manner that the one desire of the people has been their liberation from such a regime.

In the cultivation of their famous grapes, their oranges, olives, and tobacco, in the manufacture of their Oriental carpets, artistic pottery, and tiles, their olive oil and wine, the auguries for the future are very good when the islanders, who are virile and generous, energetic and intelligent, come under the sway of a united Greek Commonwealth.

"I do not know in the whole world," said Lamartine, "a more excellent strategic position than that of Rhodes, nor a more beautiful sky, nor a more smiling and fecund soil." These islands, although bathed in almost eternal sunshine, are not visited by excessive heat. The rain descends mainly in November and December, and becomes less in February and March. Clear and serene is the atmosphere of the Dodecanese; it stimulates activity and causes many of the islanders to live beyond the allotted span.

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# Dr. Quo Tai-Chi Takes His Leave In London

DR. QUO TAI-CHI in London yesterday took leave of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

At a farewell press conference, Dr. Quo Tai-chi said that the nine years of his tenure, first as Minister and then as Ambassador, had witnessed a great change in British views about China and in China's final views about Britain.

"During the Manchurian crisis," Dr. Quo said, "appeasement was the order of the day. Now appeasement is dead both in Europe and Asia."

"China used to be regarded as an object of international policy rather than collaboration. Now, her political equality is recognised no less than her spiritual power, and Britain and the United States and Russia have been foremost in acknowledging China's rightful place among the nations and her essential role in the world situation to-day."

## Anachronistic Treaties

Continuing, Dr. Quo remarked, "It inevitably follows that foreign relations with China must henceforth be based upon equality and partnership and that the last vestiges of anachronistic treaties shall speedily disappear."

More and more, the world sees that China's destiny is to be the prevailing centre of cultural and democratic life in Eastern Asia and the Western Pacific area.

"For Asia, I am always aware of how much Russia's friendliness and helpfulness are meant in China's struggle against the aggressor and how much that can mean when peace comes once more to the Continent and the world."

Nor—though China has suffered more than any other country from the failure to give the League of Nations its true utility—can I doubt that such an instrument of collective security and economic planning must be re-established and will find China, Russia, Australia, India and also Japan herself, when reason and justice finally return to her counsels, working in harmonious cooperation with the West."

"In leaving England for China," Dr. Quo concluded, "I am merely going from one front to another. We shall both see it through to the successful finish." — Central News.

## DIAMOND WEDDING GIFT—A MEMORY

It was their diamond wedding day Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bird sat hand in hand in the front row of the chairs in the village hall.

All their neighbours were round them. There were garlands on the wall. And they were watching a charming little play which obviously, thought Mrs. Bird, must have taken a great deal of work to prepare.

And it was all for them for their diamond wedding day. "People here are so kind," whispered Mrs. Bird to Mr. Bird. She is eighty-five. Mr. Bird is ninety. They live in Westerfield, Suffolk, a village of 127 kindly people—good neighbours. The Westerfield folk know that a diamond wedding is an event. They also know that a couple aged ninety and eighty-five are by no means too old to be given another happy memory.

They booked the village hall. Volunteers hung it with garlands. Fourteen village children were rehearsed in a fairy play.

The play was already one of Mr. and Mrs. Bird's memories. It was written by their son, Captain Cyril Bird when he was twenty-one, for their silver wedding. It had not been acted since.

Now one of their daughters, Miss Claire Bird, produced it.

## And A Bouquet

And when Mr. and Mrs. Bird, guests of honour, sat down in the front row in the village hall to watch this diamond wedding performance, they saw a grandson and a daughter taking part on the stage.

When the play was over—it had a happy ending, of course—the rector spoke the village's congratulations to the old couple.

And as a climax a bouquet from the villagers was handed to Mrs. Bird. Her diamond wedding bouquet.

My parents loved every minute of it," Miss Claire Bird said. Said a villager: "We enjoyed seeing them so happy."

And Mrs. Bird said: "It brought much joy to our anniversary. The people here are so kind."

## CODE DANGER SEEN IN "LOVE AND XXX"

British sailors no longer may sign letters to their girl friends with the traditional "love and x x x."

Regulations ban the crosses on the grounds they might be employed by spies for code messages.

## BRITAIN WILL WIN

"Britain will win," Vice-President Henry A. Wallace told the Foreign Policy Association in New York yesterday.

"Only defeatism on the psychological and economic front in the United States can prevent it. A Nazi victory and a Nazi peace is unthinkable."

"To avoid such a calamity we will help ourselves through helping England by all methods short of war."

"Our help must be such that neither a madman nor a mad nation will ever again have an opportunity to kill millions of people and destroy millions of dollars worth of property." — Reuter.

## TAKES BOMBED FAMILY OF 13

Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, Prime Minister of Ontario, Canada, has taken under his wing a family of thirteen who were bombed out of their home in London.

He calls his act "an experiment in practical Christianity." The family are Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cooke and their eleven children, who reached Canada by way of Trinidad. They have been established on the largest of Mr. Hepburn's tenant farms in South Yarmouth, a township of Ontario.

Their storage bins are well filled with potatoes, onions, carrots and other vegetables, and there are stocks of sugar and flour.

## GOVERNMENT SET UP IN IRAQ

The Iraq Nationalist leader and former Premier, Sayid Rashid el Gallanti, has formed a Government of National Defence, following his seizure of power in last week's coup d'état, according to a Baghdad report received in Vichy yesterday.

The Government is composed of six high officers and two civilians.

An announcement says the new Government has been constituted "as the Regent has failed in all his duties and the constitution has been suspended. The army, under the aegis of His Majesty King Kaysal, has taken power into its hands."

The new Government is credited with the intention of attempting, through Parliament, the deposition of the Regent, Amir Abdul Ilah, and setting up a Regency Council, in which a member of Rashid's family is included.

Iraq is calm, the report adds. — Reuter.

## RAIDLESS DAY IN BRITAIN


ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED DURING FIGHTER PATROLS OVER THE ENEMY-OCCUPIED COAST YESTERDAY, AND ONE BRITISH FIGHTER IS MISSING.

There was no enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

No alert was sounded in the London area up to a late hour last night. — Reuter.

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# Germans Nearly Through Waist Of Yugoslavia

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE ENTRY OF GERMAN ADVANCE DETACHMENTS INTO SALONIKA NOT ONLY MEANS THE LOSS OF THE CAPITAL OF MACEDONIA BUT CUTS THE GREEK ARMIES IN THE FIELD IN TWO.

There may be several Greek divisions in Thrace and eastern Macedonia and they are practically surrounded.

While the German armies are thus engaged in the south, other forces have practically cut through the Yugoslavian waistline and are now advancing northwards and westwards so as to threaten with encirclement and main forces which are being hemmed in in old Serbia.

At the same time while the Yugoslavians are still opposing German pressure from Rumania, Hungary and Austria some of their forces have penetrated Albania and should create a diversion in the Italian rear.

It is obvious from this exposition of the military position that the immediate outlook in the Balkans must be regarded as serious, but it is significant that the Germans have not yet come up against the British forces.

## Not Yet Lost

This would suggest that the defence of Salonika was not part of Britain's plan. Britain's force is one not lightly to be disregarded.

The Battle of the Balkans has not yet been won or lost. It is learned in authoritative circles in London that no British or Imperial troops were in the sector of the Vardar.

## Heavy R.A.F. Attacks

The R.A.F. continued on Monday vigorous resistance to enemy troops in aiding Greece and Yugoslavia, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Heavy attacks were delivered against tanks and motor transport convoys in the Lake Doiran area.

Bombs were observed to burst among tanks and vehicles on roads between Strumica and Doiran and a bridge under a railway at Devderija was damaged by direct hits.

## German Statement

A special communique issued by the German High Command yesterday says that strong German armoured units, advancing southwards from Yugoslavia, have taken Salonika.

German troops have also occupied a town about 100 miles to the east of Salonika and have reached the Aegean coast. — Reuter.

## WEDDINGS TO-DAY

The following couples were wed at the Supreme Court Registry to-day before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages:

Mr. Chu Pak-chuen, merchant, and Miss Lee Hang-to, of No. 14, Bulkeley Street.

Mr. Ng Ting-cheuk, civil servant, and Miss Cheuk Shun-wan, of No. 4, Yim Po Fong Street.

Mr. Chan Cho-ye, of No. 60, Johnston Road, and Miss Kan Wai-chi, of No. 101, Queen's Road Central.

## HUNGARIAN BORDER CLASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Hungarian announcement in Budapest yesterday claimed that two attempts by Yugoslav frontier guards to pierce the border were repulsed.

These are the first clashes reported on the Hungarian frontier. — International News Service.

## GENEROUS DONATIONS OF LOCAL SCOTS

A RECENT APPEAL BY THE CHIEFTAIN OF HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY FOR DONATIONS TO BE REMITTED HOME FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMFORTS TO SCOTSMEN SERVING IN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES, RESULTED IN THE COLLECTION OF \$5,737.90.

At a recent meeting of the General Committee of the Society, it was decided to send the equivalent of the above sum, namely, £355 12.7d., to the Scottish Red Cross Society, Glasgow, to be devoted towards the provision of parcels for Scottish Prisoners of War serving with the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Chieftain wishes to thank those members of St. Andrew's Society who so generously contributed.

## WOMEN PATROL RIVER BY NIGHT

Two women are staunch members of an Upper Thames Patrol which guards the river between Bray and Maidenhead.

Known as "53" and "54" they have not missed a duty or parade since they began the work in May. They have to contact everything that is moving on the river.

"Fifty-four" told how, on an inky black night, she could not see anything, but sensed some obstacle. Only prompt action averted a collision with a boat moored in the centre of the river. In it a fisherman was sleeping.

During the summer twenty or thirty camping craft provided plenty of work each night. All had to be examined and occupants' identity cards inspected. Now river fogs are added to chill and darkness.

Fortunately a megaphone is frequently sufficient to warn people living on the banks of the river that they are showing a light, but sometimes a landing has to be made and a slippery bank climbed.

"Fifty-three" is married to the commanding officer, and "54" to the second-in-command, and as far as possible their duties on patrol are arranged to coincide with those of their husbands.

So far, despite the danger of shrapnel, they have no tin hats and they provided their own uniforms, with trousers, for duty.

## BACK FROM DEAD-SORRY HE'LL HAVE TO WEAR HAT

"THE ONLY THING that worries me is that I shall have to wear a hat for the first time in my life to hide this scar on my head."

Pieced together by surgical skill after his body had been shattered by a Nazi bomb, Thomas Bernard Northern, whom doctors have named "The Miracle Man" and "Museum Piece," said this to a reporter as lay propped up in bed at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham.

His legs slung up in a cradle and surrounded by hot water bottles. Northern, a forty-three-year-old labourer, laughed and drank a cup of coffee as he told how modern surgery saved his life after his home in Birchfields had received a direct hit by a bomb.

"My dear wife and I were alone in the house," he said. "She was killed outright, and I can only remember that I was stretching up to get an overcoat for her when everything went dark."

## Like Corrugated Paper

"That was nearly two months ago. Since then numerous surgeons have operated on me and been to see me."

"I had a fractured skull, in which I have twenty-nine stitches, a fractured collarbone, five ribs broken, my right leg broken in five places and my left leg in three places. I had blood transfusions and was unconscious for about ten days."

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HORSE  
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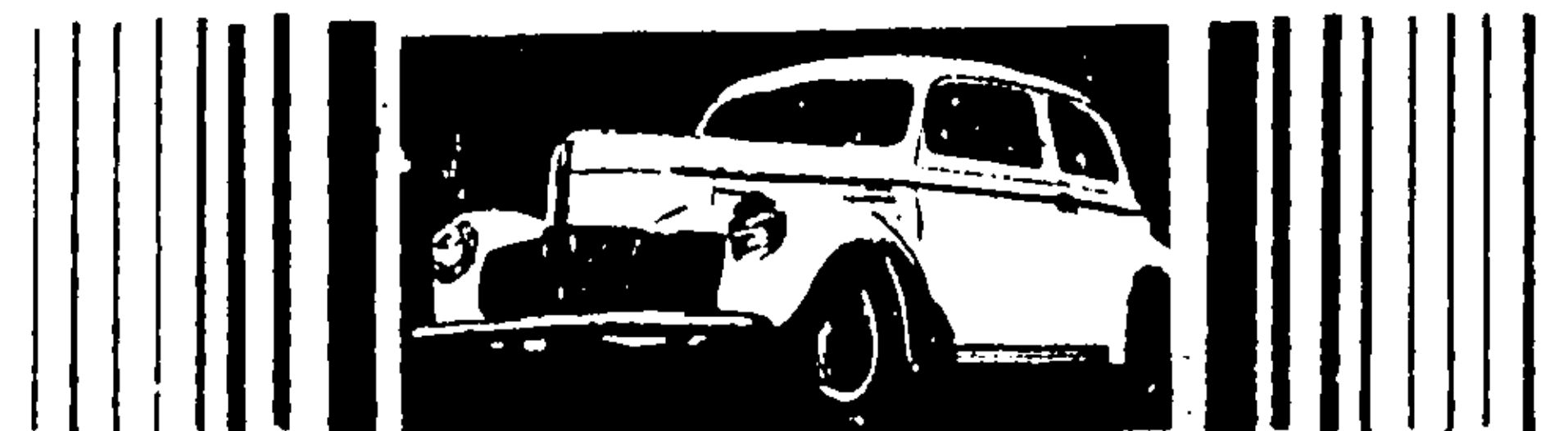
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BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay!

No. 38

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime hand shouldn't stump any bridge detective very long:

North, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A  
♥ A 9 7 6 3  
♦ A Q J 4  
♣ A 6 4  
♠ K 5  
♥ Q J 8 2  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ J 10 5 2  
♠ Q 9 8 2  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ K 10 8  
♣ 9 8 3  
♠ A J 10 7 6 4 3  
♥ 5  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ K Q 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♠	Pass

West opened the box of diamonds, dummy fished, and East won with the King. East's trump return rode to dummy's Ace and a club put South in to lead the Jack of spades. West took the spade King and returned the club Jack. South winning with the Queen of clubs. South then led a low trump, but found that he had to lose three trump tricks in addition to the diamond King.

Somewhere or other a bridge crime has taken place practically under your noses! See if you can discover it for yourself before you read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime was leading the Jack of spades on the second round of that suit! Correct play to this type of trump suit demands a low lead on the second round. If the suit splits 3-3, nothing is lost by the low lead. If the suit splits 4-2, the only chance to limit the loss to two trump tricks is that the low lead will take out a trump honour. Then the other honour can be forced out by the lead of the Jack on the third round of the suit. Note that a 4-2 split with both honours in the long hand leaves South in a hopeless situation, since he cannot prevent the loss of three trump tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable you held:

♠ A Q J 9 6 2  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Maler
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
(7)			

ANSWER: Bid three spades. You have a strong enough hand to be reasonably confident of making a game. The spade suit is strong enough, moreover, to take care of itself even if your partner has only a small singleton.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for two no-trump, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 687

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 5 3  
♥ 7  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ A K 9 2

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Burnstone	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
(7)			

What do you bid? (Answer Saturday.)

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LACK OF FINESSE IN LAST NIGHT'S BOXING

(By A Special Correspondent).

The Inter-Unit Boxing Tournament between Royal Scots and Middlesex Regiment at Murray Barracks last night provided followers of the fight game with their favourite sport which, since the closing of the Hong Kong Boxing Association some years ago, has, apart from one or two open tournaments, been non-existent in the Colony.

It was not surprising, therefore, that so many fight fans were present and if they did not see boxing of a high standard, they were at least provided with some extremely game fighting.

The bouts were, on the whole, very evenly contested, but that we have learned to expect from the Services. There was, however, that lack of ringcraft and finesse that robbed the fights of the added interest they might otherwise have commanded.

The thing that struck me most forcibly was the fact that the men seemed to have forgotten all about that straight left that had been so much part and parcel of British boxing.

Splendid Final Bout

For this reason I had visions of some honest-to-goodness two-listed hitting but here again I was disappointed. The majority of the men seemed to have had their lefts "locked" though in this connection it must be mentioned that L/Cpl. McGready (R.S.) and Drum Major Holdford indulged in some crisp exchanges of blows with both hands in the final bout of the evening, the former winning on points though it must have been an extremely close call.

Too much time, I thought, was wasted by the men in dancing round the ring. I wondered, at the time, whether the instructors had ever instilled them with the good, old-fashioned advice to "take the centre and let the other fellow do all the running around."

Another point I noticed was the tendency of most of the fighters to "telegraph" their punches, the result being much energy wasted in swings that merely swept the air!

I do not think much attention has been paid to that all-important factor of foot-work for the flat-footed stance was very much favoured, and also the fact that the men took a great deal of time to "set" themselves for their punches, not one good punch being "made on the move" in the course of the 15 fights!

Millar's Gameness

The big redeeming feature was the gameness displayed by all the men, and special mention must be made of Lieut. Millar (R.S.), who

was in difficulties in the first round of his heavyweight bout with Pte. Moran but who not only stuck the three rounds, but came back so well in the second and third that it must have been by a very narrow margin that Moran got the verdict.

Following were the results:  
Bantamweight: Pte. Hope (Middlesex) beat Pte. Bailey (Royal Scots) on points.

Featherweight: Pte. Noble (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. Morley (Royal Scots) on points.

Pte. Laws (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Winkoth (Middlesex) on points.

Lightweight: Pte. Cavanagh (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl. Miller (Middlesex) on points.

Drum Major Holdford (Middlesex) beat Pte. McLean (Royal Scots) technical knockout, second round.

Pte. Frenchum (Middlesex) beat Pte. Gibb (Royal Scots) on points.

Welterweight: L/Cpl. McGready (Royal Scots) beat Drum Major Holdford (Middlesex) on points.

Sgt. Ritchie (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl. Eaton (Middlesex) on points.

Pte. Callaghan (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Geist (Middlesex) technical knockout third round.

Pte. Urquhart (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Pearson (Middlesex) technical knockout, second round.

Middleweight: Pte. Cooper (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. More (Royal Scots) on points.

Cpl. Cooper (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl. McGready (Middlesex) on points.

L/Cpl. Foakes (Middlesex) beat Pte. McNally (Royal Scots) on points.

Light-heavyweight: Pte. Emmerson (Royal Scots) beat Cpl. Fox (Middlesex) on points.

Heavyweight: Pte. Moran (Middlesex) beat Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots) on points.

JOE LOUIS STILL THE CHAMP.

Joe Louis retained the World Heavyweight Title when he beat Tony Nusto on a technical knockout in the ninth round at St. Louis, Reuter.

Hon. Secretaries of Tennis Clubs are reminded that entries for the League must reach Mr. C. J. Tacchi, c/o Kowloon Cricket Club, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, by Wednesday, the 16th inst., accompanied by representative names (with addresses and telephone numbers) for each division entered.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Nobody's waving at you, Madam, that's the steam laundry."

Here's Luck

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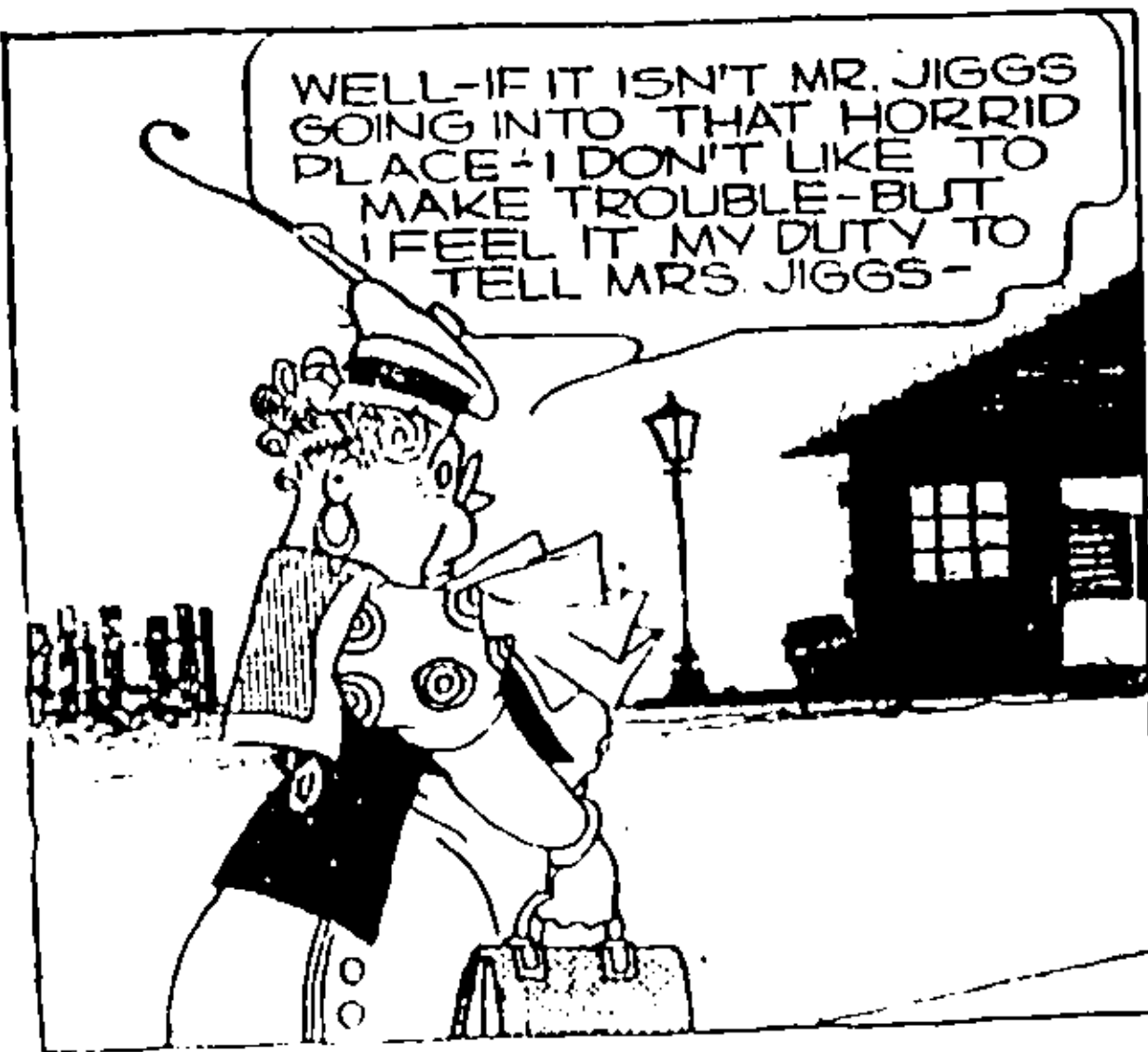
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By George MacManus

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6.45 p.m. Indian Programme  
 6.50 p.m. Cieson Local Stock Quota  
 7.00 p.m. Scenes from Noel Coward's 'Tonight at 8.30'  
 7.15 p.m. 'Red Pepper' Intro. Has anybody seen our ship and 'Men about Town'. Scene from 'Shadow Play'. Intro. 'Then, The Orchestra Play' and 'You were there'. Scene from 'Family Affairs'. 'Here's a Toast' and 'The Musical Box'. Intro. 'Hearts & Flowers'. 'Gentle Love'. Noel Coward and Company act by The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.  
 7.30 p.m. London Relay: The News  
 7.45 p.m. London Relay: Talk 'Meet Uncle Sam'  
 8.00 p.m. Concert: Waltzes with Ina Souez (Soprano).  
 Blue Danube Waltz (Strauss), Vienna Blood Waltz (Strauss), De Groet & The Piccadilly Orchestra. Love Everlasting (Friml); I Want Your Heart (David Wood). Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. Sweet Violets-Waltz; My Treasure Waltz (Beccuti). Russian Novelty Orchestra. Always (from 'Puritan Lullaby'). Love, I Give You My All (from 'Luana'). Besly Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. Violets of Spring Waltz (Strauss). Ferdy Kaufman & His Orchestra.  
 8.00 p.m. Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
 8.02 p.m. Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.  
 Love, Laugh and Love (from 'Congress Dances' Heymann), Jealousy (Gade), Tell Me To-night (from the film), Where the Woods are Green (Brodsky).  
 8.15 p.m. Studio-Local Newsletter.  
 8.28 p.m. Compositions of Liszt. Spanish Rhapsody. Intro. Folies d'Espagne. Jota Aragonesa. Finale. Egon Petri (Piano) and The Municipal Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dimitri Mitropoulos. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 in F. London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Sonetto Del Petrarca No. 123. Feux Follets. Anatole Kitam (Piano).  
 9.00 p.m. London Relay: The News.  
 9.15 p.m. London Relay: Questions of the Hour.  
 9.30 p.m. Studio-Recital by Captain Thomson (Bass) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.  
 1. Prologue from 'Pagliacci' (Leoncavallo).  
 2. Toreador's Song from 'Carmen' (Bizet).  
 3. (a) The Windmill (Nelson); (b) Bless this House (Mary Braher); (c) The Revel (Wallace); (d) Trot-tin' to the Fair (air Stanford).

## THIEF OF BAGDAD

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## UNIVERSITY "BOY" ACCUSED

Mok Cheung, 23, room boy, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with stealing a camera from St. John's Hall, Hong Kong University in 1939. He was also alleged to have been responsible for the theft of a gold ring on April 14, 1940. Accused was remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries. Sgt. Goldie is in charge of the case.

9.45 p.m. News in French (on Short Wave only).  
 9.50 p.m. Orchestral Interlude. Impression D'Orient. Descriptive (Amadei). Souvenir D'Ukraine. Descriptive (Ferraris). Amanda. Di Pramo & His Orchestra.  
 10.00 p.m. London Relay: 'To Talk of Many Things'.  
 10.15 p.m. Dance Music with Variety. Fox-Trots-Boogie Woogie Maxine. High Society. Bob Crosby & His Orchestra. Vocal & Piano-Only When You're In My Arms (film). 'The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle'. I Get Along Without You Very Well. 'Hutch' (Leslie Hutchinson). Fox-Trots-Mind. The Hand's Hot. Dearest, I Love You. Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingette featuring Stephanie Grappelly. Vocal-You Took Me Out Of This World (Acman & Others). Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra. Fox-Trot-Sweet Georgia Brown. Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins. Vocal-The Man I Love. Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra. Paso-Doble-Coplas. Slow Fox-Trot-Ya No Te Quiero. Orchestre Manolo Bel & His Muchachos. Vocal-Julius Caesar (Rogers). Sixty Seconds Got Together (David). The M'Is Brothers. Quickstep-My Melancholy Baby. Waltz-Memory Lane. Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.  
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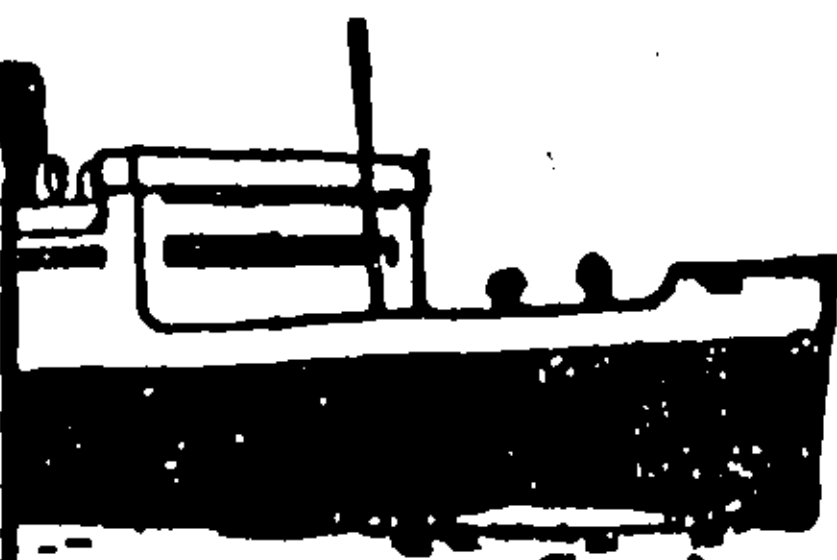
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Keen and interesting hockey was witnessed at Sookunpoo Army playing field yesterday, when 10 matches in the preliminary and first rounds of the Army Six-A-Side Hockey Tournament were completed.

The finest match of the day saw Sappers defeat Middlesex "B" by three clear goals.

The "B" and "C" teams from 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, scored victories over Royal Army Service Corps and G. M. Hospital, respectively.

The second round, semi-finals and final will be completed this afternoon, the first match commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

2 14th Punjab "A"	2 Signals	0
(Mohammed Akram 2)		
5th A.A. "A"	1 R.A.O.C.	0
(Ram Singh)		
2 14th Punjab "B"	3 8th H.B. "A"	0
(Lieut. Rose 2, Jawand Singh)		
Middlesex "A"	2 8th H.B. "B"	1
(Caul and Marrable)	(Ram Singh)	
5th A.A. "B"	1 R.A.S.C.	0
(Lieut. Plummer)		
R.E. "A"	3 Middlesex "B"	0
(Denyer 3)		
R.E. "B"	0 R.E. "C"	0
(R.E. "B" won)		
5th A.A. "C"	3 G.M. Hospital	0
(Lieut. Clague, McCallen 2)		
Punjab "A"	0 5th A.A. "A"	0
(Won by 1 short corner)		
Punjab "B"	0 8th H.B. "C"	0
(Won by two short corners)		

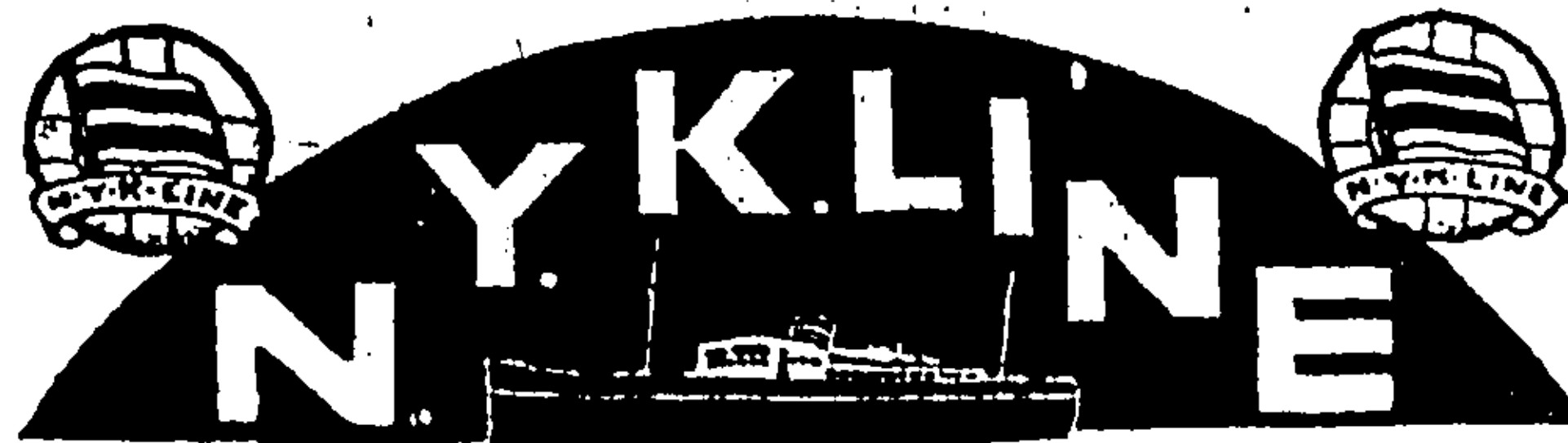
### Some Teams

Following were some of the teams:—  
Signals:—Gorman, Spate and Coombe.  
Rumford, Lander and Harrington.  
R.A.O.C.:—Luckhurst, Bull and Jack.  
Hobson, Ryan and Adams.  
Middlesex "A":—John, Crowley and Waldron; Caul, Marrable and Coomer.  
5th A.A. "B":—Delahunt, Birginton and Burroughs, Plummer, Coughlan and O'Hara.  
R.E. "A":—Bowling, Croston and Homburg, Singleton, Denyer and Shaw.  
R.E. "B":—Marriott, L. Martin and Saxby; Fishlock, G. Taylor and T. Taylor.  
R.E. "C":—Bridle, Grant and Sheldrake, Westwood, Goodwin and Treson.  
5th A.A. "C":—Scollon, Barsby and Clarke, Clague, McCallen and Wood.  
G.M. Hospital:—Scriven, Bhag Singh and Kartar Singh; Mohammed Ayoub, Pym and Allen.

### ST JOHN'S WIN "B" DIVISION

St John's won the championship of "B" Division of the Badminton League at Club de Recreio last night when they defeated Chung Wah by six games to three.

H. Eardley and David Kwok (St. John's)	
beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21-12	
beat C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang 21-15	
beat W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy 21-11	
G. S. Ladd and N. B. M. Whitley (St. John's)	
lost to Leung and Chiu 9-21	
lost to Chiu and Liang 4-21	
lost to Choy and Choy 2-21	
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	
beat Leung and Chiu 21-8	
beat Chiu and Liang 21-11	
beat Choy and Choy 21-8	



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Nitta Maru	Tuesday,	20th May

SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (Starts from Kobe)

Hikawa Maru	Monday,	14th Apr.
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SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hilo &

San Francisco.

*Taketo Maru	Tuesday,	20th May
(starts from Kobe)		

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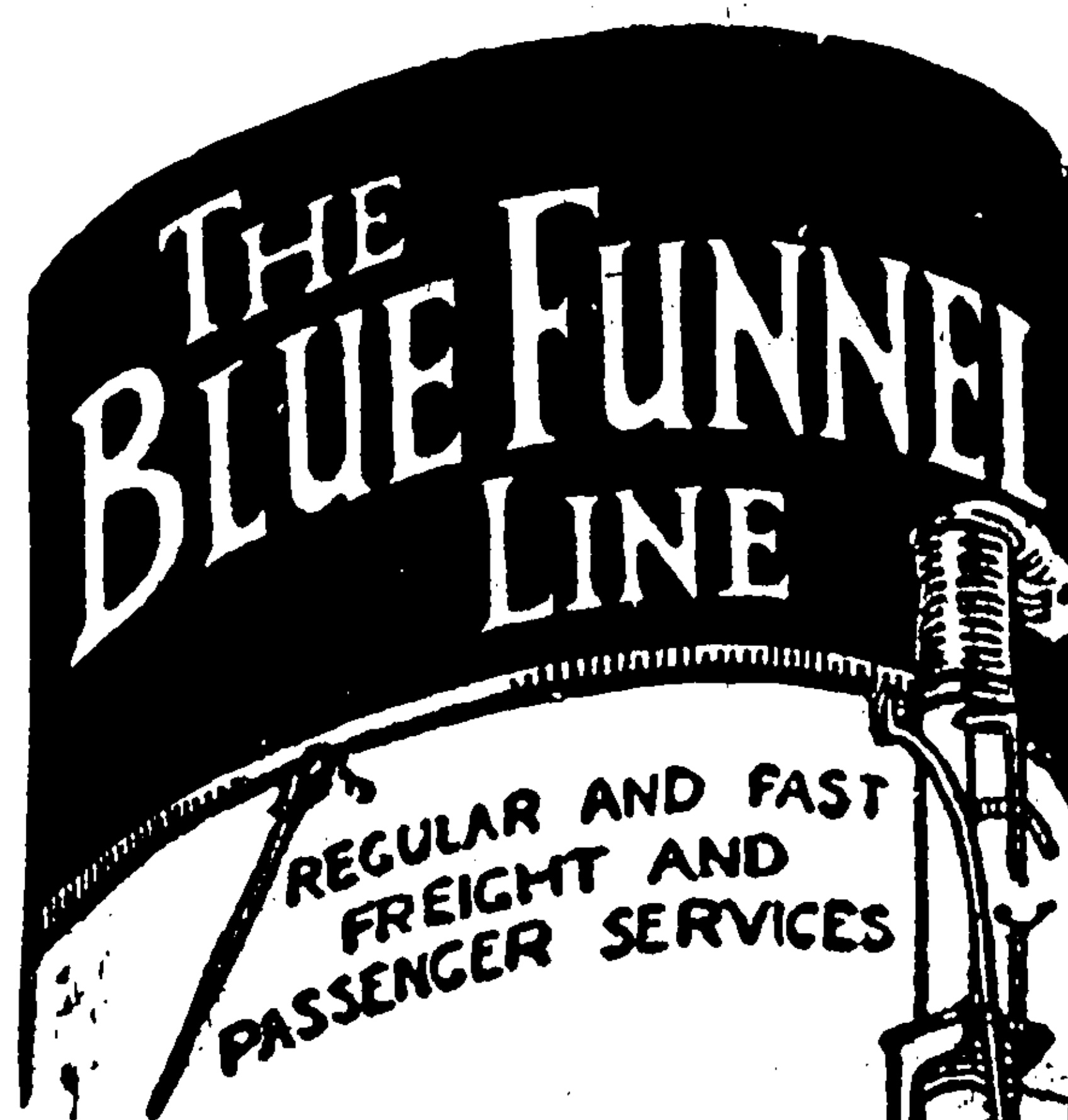
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# CHOA PLAYS LIKE VETERAN TO EXTEND TSUI WAI-PUI

## Big Threat To Ex-Champion In Second Set Thrilling Tennis On Stand Court

By "Adrem"

ON STAND COURT OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY IN THE COLONY SINGLES TENNIS EVENT, TSUI WAI-PUI, FORMER HOLDER, BEAT GEORGE CHOA 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

From the scores and from a knowledge of Tsui's game, one would assume that the C.R.C. player had been kind to the youthful Choa, but there was far more to it than just that. I have little doubt that when the match started Tsui was inclined to be kind but at one stage in the second set I am convinced that for the first time since he was beaten by evergreen Sirdar Rumjahn in the final last year, he was a little worried as to the final outcome of a match.

George Choa gave a surprisingly polished display even if one bears in mind his magnificent fight against Sirdar Rumjahn in the tournament before last. For a large portion of the match he was dictating terms. When both men were at their best, the rallies developed into keen struggles for tactical advantage followed up by rapier-like thrusts through openings.

After several such rallies I felt like a man invited to the house of an old maid, a revered friend of the family, who goes along expecting sarsaparilla or something equally foul, and is regaled with really decent whisky!

### Fine Strokes

Such strokes, as Choa exploited yesterday were perfectly produced, except for a drop-shot which

### TENNIS RESULTS

The following were the results of Club matches:  
**HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
 T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould beat G. W. Sewell and D. M. Macdougall, 6-4, 7-5.  
**MIXED DOUBLES**  
 J. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible beat Dr. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade, 9-7, 6-4.  
**HANDICAP SINGLES**  
 J. Stirling Lee beat E. R. Childs, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

was neither one thing nor the other, and it is a great pity that he is not more robust as, in addition to his technical ability, he has the right temperament as at no time did he give the impression of being overawed by his opponent's reputation.

Yesterday he hustled Tsui as that expert has not been hustled for a long time. Following up deep drives down the sidelines, or occasionally cross court, he volleyed crisply and accurately, to score most of his points by these methods. His service was the better of the two and he was by far the more aggressive player. Tsui was unusually weak on the backhand and only on rare occasions did he pull out those fierce passing shots on the wing we have become accustomed to expect.

On the forehand the length of Choa's drives forced him into errors and his most profitable stroke yesterday—the one which eventually broke up Choa's game—was his uncannily controlled drop-shot.

Early in the game he made occasional sorties to the net but later Choa countered these moves with a clever half-court shot which usually caught him at his feet.

### The Play

Exchanges were even in the first set, Tsui keeping a game ahead until the ninth game, when Choa broke through to lead for the first time at 5-4. He followed this up by taking the next game, much to everybody's surprise, for the first set.

Tsui started off confidently in the second set and making good use of his drop-shot, led 4-1. Choa then staged a great rally and drew up to 4-all and had a great chance of taking the next game, in which event, Tsui would definitely have had his back to the wall. The ex-champion was now worried. For the first time he appeared to feel conscious of the danger of losing, but he still pulled out an occasional winner and so struggled through to level the score.

Choa was exhausted in the final set and after putting up a great fight for the fourth game, which would have made it 2-all, he weakened visibly and only occasionally rallied, when some of the most thrilling exchanges of the match resulted. Choa made no effort in the last two games and Tsui went out at 6-2.

## K.C.C. RETAINS SENIOR CRICKET TITLE: SAME TEAM PLAYED IN ALL 5 LEAGUE ENGAGEMENTS

By "Adrem"

THERE HAVE BEEN so many interruptions to the cricket season just concluding that the decisive match played on Saturday by Kowloon Cricket Club, which gave them the senior championship, did not arouse the interest that might have been forthcoming had things been more normal.

In consequence the Kowloon Club's success, without in any way meaning to belittle their efforts, was rather on the hollow side.

K.C.C., unlike most other teams, has not had to turn out each week with a different eleven and it is an extraordinary fact that the same eleven men represented them in all five League matches.

D. J. N. Anderson was the mainstay of the batting—his lowest score in five innings was his 38, last week—and Lloyd and Francis Zimmern were the most successful bowlers, although Robbie Lee bowled steadily throughout without meeting with much success.

### Uninteresting Play

Saturday's match was very uninteresting, an early l.b.w. decision against Richardson having a big effect on the morale of the K.C.C. field.

Colledge batted brilliantly from his first over, Fortescue played a good defensive knock and Hawkins hit hard and often, if in somewhat unorthodox a manner, for an exceedingly useful 27.

Set to score only 95 for victory, K.C.C. were never in any difficulty, Anderson scoring a painstaking 38 and most of the early batsmen reaching double-figures. Baker bowled steadily and Perry cleverly but the remainder of the Civil Service attack was singularly ineffective and worried nobody but the C.S.C. captain!

### Best Combination

Although the K.C.C. attack has at times caused some anxiety, there is little doubt that the team as a whole has proved itself to be the best in the Colony and if, as I said, the winning of the title once again under the circumstances prevailing was rather a hollow success, it was no fault of the team, which gave splendid support throughout to the popular skipper, Teddy Fincher, to whom congratulations are due.

University, who after a lean period, have once again established themselves among the Colony's leading teams, are fairly certain to finish runners-up.

### Surprisingly Easy Win

In the hopes of K.C.C. slipping up against Civil Service, they took no chances against Craigengower on Saturday and won with surprising ease.

Craigengower had first knock and bad batting more than anything else resulted in them being dismissed for only 77, which would have been much less had it not been for a useful last-wicket stand between V. H. White and Leo Choa.

White, whose activities hitherto have been confined to soccer, played a really useful innings, besides later keeping wicket very well, while Choa played one or two first-class strokes in his modest score of 9 not out.

Gegg took 4 for 10 but these figures definitely flattered him and Singh got among the rabbits to finish with 3 for 11.

University lost Tam early to a brilliant catch by Souza but Matthews batted breezily for 33 in which were several beautifully timed on-drives played from a

couple of feet outside the off stump.

### Junior Division

In Junior Division, K.C.C. and Craigengower, with only the fixture between themselves outstanding, will now fight it out for honours, the match having been fixed for Saturday at Cox's Road.

### Veterans Shine

K.C.C.'s veterans, Frank Goodwin and Willie Hung, skittled Civil Service out for 84, Madar and Goodban then helping materially to knock these runs off, while heroes of the Craigengower's match against Recreation were Lock and Leonard, in the batting line, and A. M. Omar in the attack.

Omar bowled really well on Saturday and he will be the man K.C.C. will have to watch, as he may win the all-important match off his own bat—or should it be ball!

## ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

The golf teams to represent Kowloon and Happy Valley in the annual match to-morrow have been selected as follows:

KOWLOON	HAPPY VALLEY
R. K. Collings	D. S. Edward
A. J. Dennis	K. S. Robertson
K. G. McKenzie	A. McKellar
T. B. Low	T. Low
H. F. Phillips	A. C. I. Bowker
A. L. Eastman	W. Sharp
W. C. Simpson	H. H. Mundy
W. V. Ahern	A. D. Humphrey
T. Lam	L. M. S. Lloyd
F. C. Barry	A. H. Penn
A. W. Ramsay	G. E. Willerton
A. A. Lopes	N. J. Bebbington
E. F. Fincher	C. F. J. Simpson
S. Jex	N. J. Booker
J. McKelvie	G. Davies
W. Kershaw	W. Stoker
E. C. Fincher	N. D. Booker
(Reserve)	
J. Coles	M. A. Cairns
(Reserve)	

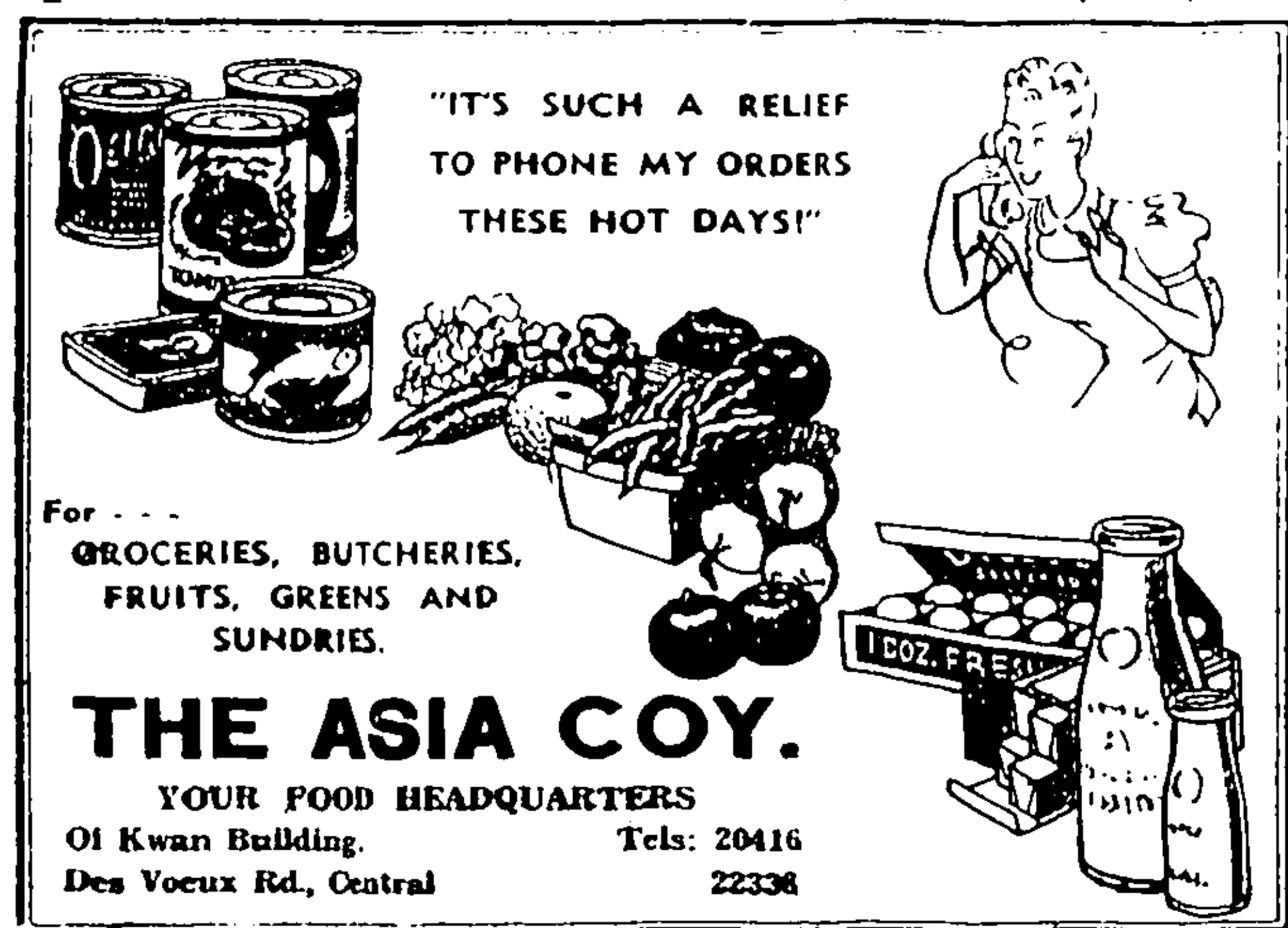
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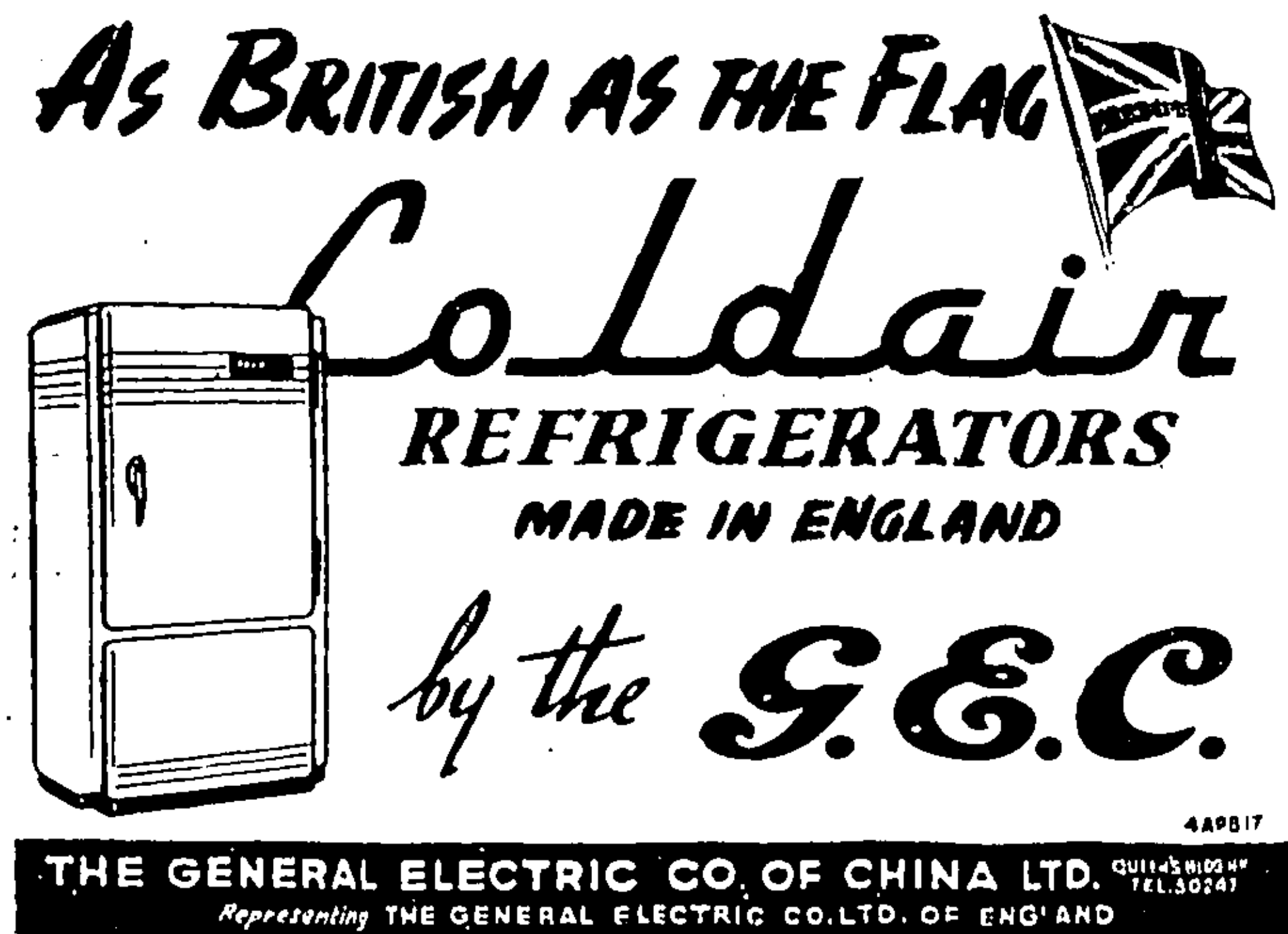
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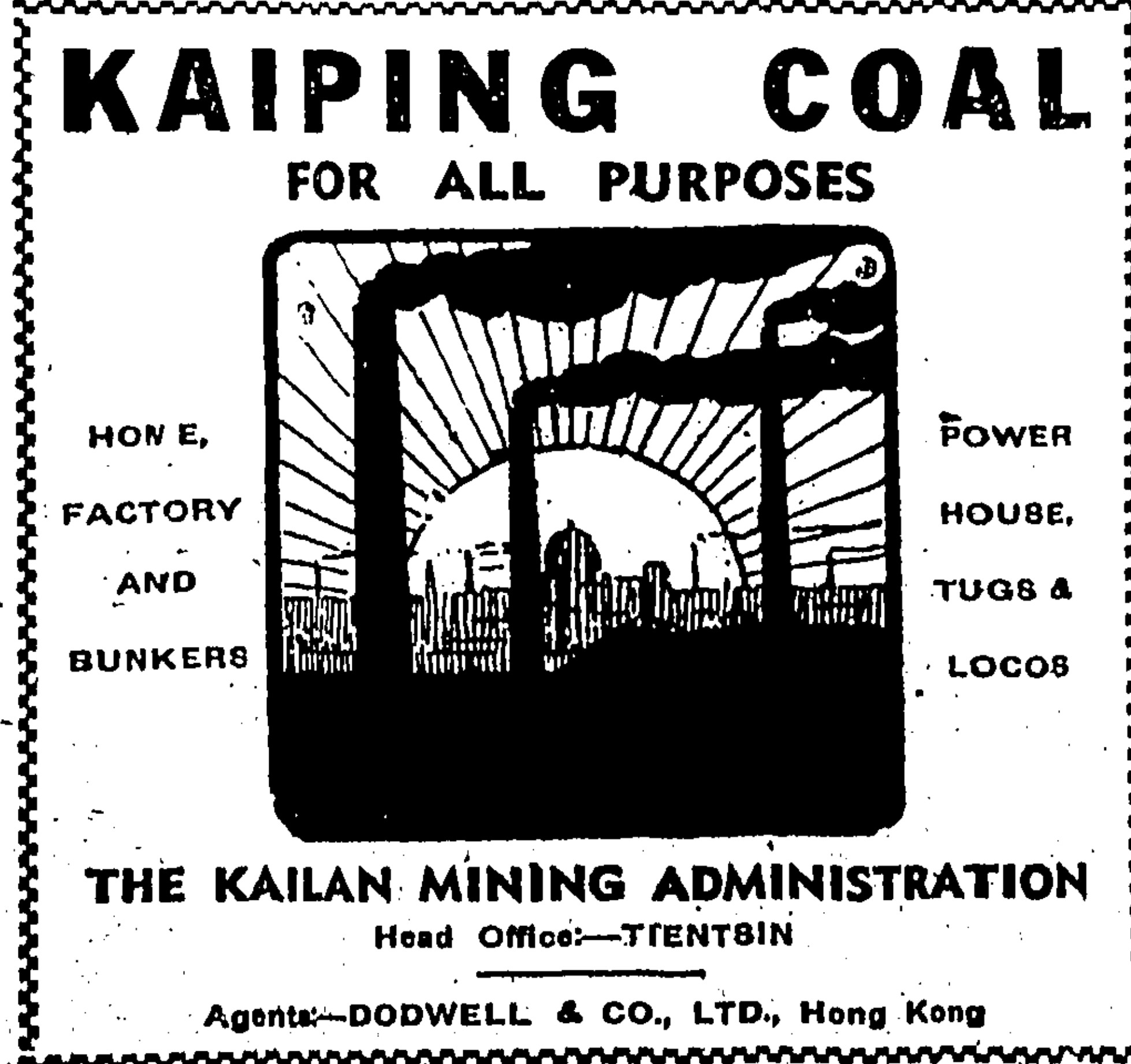
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## LADIES' SOFTBALL TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following is the draw for the first round of the International Softball series to be played on Sunday:

Portugal	v	Great Britain
(9.30 a.m.)		
Philippine Islands	v	China
(10.45 a.m.)		
India	v	Canada
(12.00 noon)		

The U.S.A. team, drew a 'bye'. The following have been selected to represent the "All-stars" team against the Wildcats, in Easter Monday's charity game on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 2.30 p.m.:

Pitcher:—Mary Ng (Canuckettes), 1st base:—Dot Louie (Canuckettes), 2nd base:—Yvonne Yule (Wahoos), 3rd base:—Celeste Marques (Panthers), 3rd Stop:—Alice Mar (Canuckettes), 4th Stop:—Irene Castilho (Wahoos), 5th Stop:—Theresa Marques (Panthers), C. Field:—Theresa Noronha (Wahoos) and R. Field:—Betty Fitzgerald (Cardinals).

Utility:—Elegna Babla (Cardinals), Gladys Hutchinson (Cardinals) and Vivian Louie (Canuckettes).



# Baffin Bay Should Redeem Itself In Brisbane Spring H'Cap

## Jus Gentium Favoured For Caulfield H'Cap

### Daylight & Sylvandale For The 'Daily Double'

By "Rapier"

Racing enthusiasts will be well catered for during the Easter holidays, during which Hong Kong Jockey Club will hold their Third Extra Race Meeting, spread over two days. The first saddling bell will be rung at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the first race starting at 11.30 a.m., and the fifth interval will be taken after the fourth race. The same procedure will be adopted on Monday.

The programme on each day will consist of 12 events, and with a satisfactory number of entries received there should be keen competition for honours.

The main events are the Brisbane Spring Handicap on Saturday, and the Easter Stakes, which will be decided on Monday.

Commander D. H. S. Craven has now fully recovered from the effects of the injury, which he suffered as a result of a fall whilst riding Melody Star on the second day of the Annual Meeting, and will ride on both days.

**RACE NO. 4 MIRS BAY STAKES FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

The programme on Saturday opens with a sprint event for China ponies, griffins of this season, weight 142 lb. with a 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes, with winners barred.

Looking over the ponies entered, I think the winner will come from one of the following:

Eve of Deception (Mr. Davis); Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei); Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Odeon (Mr. Needa); and Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Craven).

Iron Beauty and Odeon will both carry top weight of 140 lb.

although I do not feel inclined to recommend the former, owing to the injury received after coming in second to Charlesber in the Loiterers' Stakes at the First Extra Meeting.

Despite its failure at the last meeting in the Kongmum Plate, Odeon is capable of winning if given a good start, otherwise I suggest Wonderful Scheme as the likely winner.

Night Express is also quite fast whilst Eve of Deception should not be overlooked.

I nominate Wonderful Scheme to win, with Odeon second and Night Express third, leaving Eve of Deception as the outsider.

**RACE NO. 2 CALLIOPE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILES POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

"B" Class Australian ponies will figure in this race with a proviso that subs. of 1941 that have won \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Starlight (Mr. Wei) is still capable of winning in view of its success in the Stewards' Cup over the same distance at the last meeting. It will be carrying 10 lb. more on Saturday but it is superior to the other contestants, although Gloaming (Mr. Poy) which was fourth in the Stewards' Cup, and will be receiving 10 lb. from Starlight on Saturday, should give a good account of itself.

A Happy Time (Mr. D. Black) may be worth following on account of its win in the Austral Valley Stakes over the mile at the Annual Meeting.

For an outsider, I suggest Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis) in view of the fact that it will be carrying 147 lb.

**RACE NO. 3 WYALONG STAKES FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

The third race, which will be contested by Australian ponies, griffins of this season, weight 142 lb. with a 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in Stakes with winners barred, is another sprint event.

The ponies to watch are: Gay Fox (Mr. Poy); Hascossay (Mr. Davis); Misty View (Mr. Pih); and Tropical Love (Mr. Liang).

Hascossay was beaten in the Yarra Stakes over this distance by Gloaming, and with the latter pony not competing in the race, it is about the best choice here, though Gay Fox must not be ignored as it is quite speedy over this distance.

Misty View is not fast enough, but for those who believe that there is a possibility of an upset here, I would recommend Tropical Love.

Hascossay is my fancy, with Gay Fox second and Misty View third.

**RACE NO. 4 TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) ONE MILE**

Novice jockeys will be given mounts in this race on "D" Class China ponies and a good race is expected. From the entries the winner should be among the following:

Blue Field; Boolat Bay; Eve of Hunting (Mr. Coppin); Rose-Queen (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan); and Strathbannock (Mr. Sequeira).

These are the best ponies and it boils down to a question of picking the jockey with riding ability. Rose-Queen is undoubtedly the best pony and, on form alone, should have little difficulty in accounting for this race. Under Mr. Coppin, Eve of Hunting will also be in the running, but it may find strong opposition from Strathbannock.

Mr. S. W. Lee has the choice of either Blue Field or Boolat Bay and which ever he decides to take out should be worth considering.

**RACE NO. 5 ROSEHILL STAKES (FIRST SECTION) FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to 1941 Australian Subscription ponies, weight 142 lb. and 1-lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes, winners barred.

Over this distance anything is liable to happen and my advice is to study the positions drawn carefully as a good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing.

Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should be the best bet for a win here owing to its speed over this distance, but as it is inclined to bore out on rounding the bend for home I am afraid I cannot place much reliance in it and must, therefore, place the spotlight on Daylight (Mr. Wei).

In the Randwick Plate (Second Section) Daylight came in third to Corsair and Bona Vacantia respectively, and on that performance I feel confident that it will win on Saturday.

There is also A Rosy Time (Mr. Hearne) to be considered as this combination is promising, while Snow White (Mr. Pih) is also a dangerous contender.

I fancy Daylight for first place, with A Rosy Time second and Snow White third.

**RACE NO. 6 BRISBANE HANDICAP: TWO MILES**

This is the main attraction for Saturday and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season with ponies classified "A" that have won \$2,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941, barred.

I am afraid that out of the 12 ponies entered only half will start as many have an engagement later in the afternoon. I expect the following to face the starter:

A Grand Time (Mr. Y. K. Tu); Australian Diamond (Mr. Cheng); Baffin Bay (Mr. Chao); Brown Derby (Mr. Black); Brutus (Mr. Trevorton); and

The "China Mail" learns from Messrs. Linstead and Davis that the sale of through tickets for the Easter Race meeting will close to-day. The office will be closed to-morrow (Good Friday).

**Centre Court (Mr. Needa).**

The race should, therefore, resolve into a battle between Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay, both carrying 159 lb. The former pony had the better of Baffin Bay in the Melbourne Cup over this distance and many will contend that it is good enough to win again but I feel it will have to be at its best to do this. In the Broken Hill Handicap Baffin Bay was fourth and I think its last quarter run will prove the deciding factor.

For the third position, Brutus seems to be the choice in view of its success in the Ladies' Purse at the Annual Meeting.

**RACE NO. 7 TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) ONE MILE**

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double", which will feature "D" Class China ponies with novice jockeys again riding, and it is extremely difficult to spot the likely winner.

Sylvandale (Mr. Coppin), although unplaced at Macao on Sunday in the Lingnan Handicap (Five Furlongs), should command the most respect in this race, and I expect to see it win, but Sunlight View (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) is a so due for a win and should offer a keen fight.

Portrush (Mr. Li Shiu-fai), with only 135 lb. to handle, is dangerous and should be watched. It will be recalled that in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section) last year this pony led from start to finish and won whilst carrying 152 lb.

King's Worthy (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), which came in second to Lovely Star at Macao on Sunday in the same race in which Sylvandale ran, is also competing and is capable of challenging towards the end as it is very fit at the moment.

My selections are Sylvandale to win, with Portrush and Sunlight View fighting it out for second place.

**RACE NO. 8 ROSEHILL STAKES (SECOND SECTION) FROM THE 1½ MILE POST**

Second section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 will try conclusions here and in my opinion the race will be fought out between Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan), Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) and Tobaccoship (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

Fresh Air is certain to command the most support in the betting, and if it runs true to form I cannot see it being beaten. Newborn Star was not seen in action in the last two meetings, but as it is fighting fit at the moment it should give Fresh Air a great fight if it does not actually beat it.

The distance suits Tobaccoship very well, and if Mr. Botelho can get this pony out in front after rounding the bend, it should have a good chance of winning.

I expect Fresh Air to win, with Newborn Star second, and Tobaccoship third.

**RACE NO. 9 HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILES POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

This race is confined to "B" Class China ponies, and for its win in the Canton Handicap (Second Section), Avon (Mr. Black) has been promoted to First Section. Although it has been given only another pound penalty, I am afraid it is not good enough to win here. I, therefore, look to Johnber (Mr. Chao), which was fourth in the Canton Handicap (First Section), to redeem its past failures by winning a race for the first time this year.

There is Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa) to be reckoned with, however, as it ran very well to win the Happy Valley Spring Handicap over the mile at the Annual Meeting, carrying 152 lb. as against only 142 lb. it will be carrying on Saturday.

Gay Star (Mr. Craven) is not bad, but is unlikely to do better than place.

**RACE NO. 10 CAULFIELD HANDICAP: 1¼ MILES**

Australian subscription ponies of 1941 that have won at Race meetings held at the Valley will clash in this race in which ponies classified "A" are barred.

Judging by its last win in the Randwick Plate (First Section) and its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, Jus Gentium (Mr. Chao) is my choice for first place.

Mumsail (Mr. Black) should fill second place, with Santa-Anita (Mr. Liang) third, but Black Seal (Mr. Needa) must be regarded as a potential challenger.

**RACE NO. 11 HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILES POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

In this race, the second section of "B" Class China ponies, the finish should be fought out between Rose Emily (Mr. Poy), Hughber (Mr. Chao), Eve of Reason (Mr. D. Black) and Galaxy (Mr. Chang).

For its second placing to Avon in the Canton Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting, Rose Emily should just about do it.

Eve of Reason, which dead-heated for first place with Conquering Time in the Gymkhana Handicap, will be running under new colours on Saturday and has a very good chance of winning.

Hughber is likely to find the extra 171 yards to its liking and will probably place again.

For an outsider I recommend keeping Galaxy in mind as the pony is only carrying 135 lb.

**RACE NO. 12 CALLIOPE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILES POST ONCE ROUND AND IN**

The second batch of "B" Class Australian ponies will fight out the finish of this, the final event, and an interesting struggle is expected.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne), which was a neck behind Devonian in the Moonee Ponds Handicap for second place, has a chance of scoring a win here as its weight is down by 4 lb. since that run and the distance is greater, whereas Pumbernickel (Mr. Pih), which was third in the Hobart Handicap (Second Section) may find the distance a bit too long for its liking.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy) is a likely danger as is Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), which has been very lightly treated.

Devonian (Mr. Black) has come down to 140 lb. and on that account I recommend it as an outsider.

I am inclined to favour Rowan to win, with Springhurst second and Venus Bay third.

## HOLIDAY GOLF

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:

TO-MORROW	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	F. N. Merritt, B. O. Baldwin.
9.20	H. L. Mackenzie, F. MacLeod.
9.24	G. M. Park, S. L. Lloyd.
9.28	W. W. C. Shewan, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.32	F. D. Hunter, D. S. Robb.
9.36	J. Harrop, W. Woodward.
9.40	S. H. Dodwell, A. W. Bourne.
9.44	K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
9.48	G. Thomerson, L. A. R. Duncan.
9.52	H. W. Belsley, J. W. Anderson.
9.56	I. B. Trevor, J. E. Dovey.
10.00	Col. Rose, C. Blaker.
10.04	T. J. J. Fenwick, D. C. Davies.
10.08	R. Young, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.12	R. Forrest, D. A. Baker Carr.
10.16	D. Lyon, H. A. Mills.
10.20	T. E. Pearce, J. C. Taylor.
10.24	A. Mabb, A. M. Kennedy.
10.28	P. V. McLane, G. E. Costello.
10.32	M. L. Reidy, W. J. E. MacKenzie.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	Mrs. Rowell, J. C. Brown.
9.24	J. C. Fitz-Henry, R. C. Wickerson.
9.28	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
9.32	R. B. Mace, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.36	P. Morrison, E. L. Croome.

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# SOCCER REFEREES ARE FOUND TO BE EFFICIENT

**ALLEGATIONS THAT inducements had been made to players to leave their employment to go on tours was made at the Monthly Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday and rose out of a letter by Kwong Wah complaining of the attitude taken by Eastern on their recent tour.**

Arising out of the alleged inefficiency of Referee, at the last meeting, the report of the Referees' sub-committee stated that they found the referees had officiated at all games efficiently and to the best of their ability.

## Kwong Wah's Letter

The following letter was written to the Eastern Athletic Association on March 26, by Kwong Wah, which stated that two members of the staff of China Light and Power Co., Ltd., had informed the club that they had been approached by an official of Eastern to accompany them on a tour to Manila for which they will receive travelling expenses.

The letter asks Eastern to advise them that such an offer was not made by any responsible official, and further states that both the employees in question had been refused leave. Last year three members of the staff made similar application and accompanied a certain football team on tour with the result that they lost their regular employment.

The letter concludes that any action taken by a football club which may result in any young Chinese football player losing his regular occupation, should be strongly discountenanced by all responsible football officials.

Lau Fook chuen, referred to above, actually left his employment to join Eastern on tour.

## Referees' Efficient

The findings of the Referees' sub-committee, appointed at the last meeting to enquire into the standard of refereeing was laid on the table.

The findings were: The question of referee's efficiency was discussed at length and it was decided that the following be submitted to the Council at its next meeting:

"With reference to the Kwong Wah and Eastern match we have gone into the matter fully.

In regard to the only written complaint received this Committee come to the conclusion that the game was conducted in accordance with the Laws of the Game and that the Referee carried out his duties to the best of his ability.

The Committee has received a report to the effect that his eyesight is normal.

The general efficiency of Referees was discussed and the Committee are satisfied that the games throughout the season have been conducted without complaint and therefore find no reason to take further action.

The Committee recommend that the revival of the system of reports on Referees should be carried out during the forthcoming season."

## Other Business

Advice has been received from the Shanghai Football Association that the players of the Tung Wah team of Shanghai have been suspended for an indefinite period.

As these players would not be permitted to play with teams affiliated to the Football Association, England, the Hon. Secretary was instructed that the names of the players concerned be circulated to all Chinese Clubs.

Permission was granted to Kwong Wah to visit Macao during the week-end.

An application from South China for permission to tour Malaya was left in abeyance, until South China had received advice that Malaya would accommodate them.

## YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

Following are yesterday's soccer results:

### FIRST DIVISION

Club 8 Kwong Wah 0

### SECOND DIVISION

S. China 1 Engineers 2

### THIRD DIVISION

Engineers 2 24th R.A. 1

36th R.A. 1 12th R.A. 1

# Golf Starting Times For Holidays

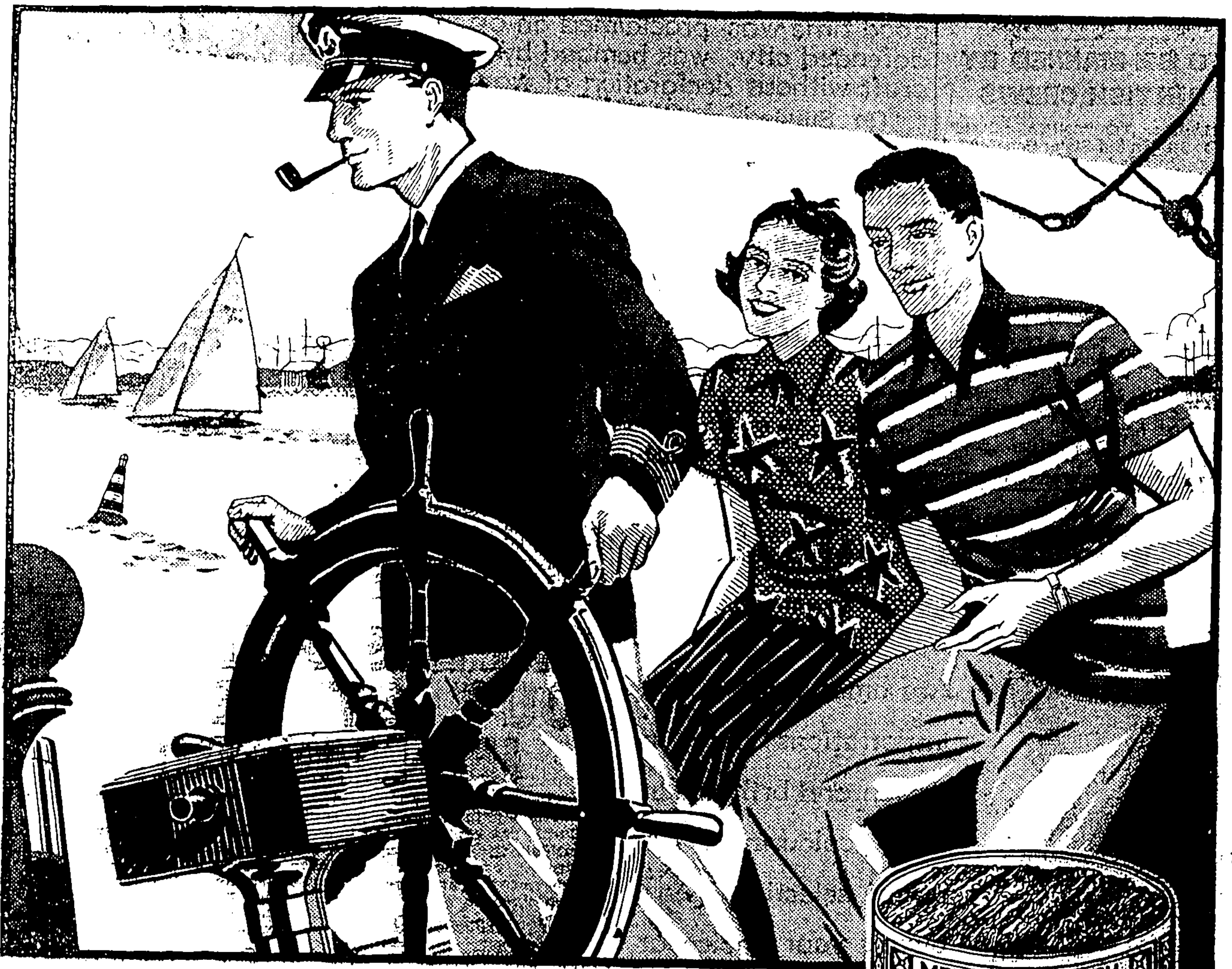
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SATURDAY	
Old Course	
9.10 a.m.	A. V. Greaves, W. G. Robertson.
9.20 ..	N. K. Littlejohn, A. H. McBride.
9.24 ..	Capt. Thursby, F. A. Redmond.
9.28 ..	G. F. Murphy, T. Megarty.
9.32 ..	W. B. E. Thomas, J. C. Kyle.
9.36 ..	M. H. Turner, J. C. Taylor.
9.40 ..	T. J. J. Fenwick, I. H. Geare.
9.44 ..	J. A. Parrish, H. W. Bensley.
9.48 ..	H. O. Baldwin, M. M. Babbs.
9.52 ..	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
9.56 ..	P. S. Cassidy, K. S. Morrison.
10.00 ..	W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.
10.04 ..	R. Forrest, A. W. Henne.
10.08 ..	J. Hackney, A. M. Kennedy.
10.12 ..	R. P. Morris, H. A. MIB.
10.16 ..	A. K. Mackenzie and Partners.
10.20 ..	R. M. M. King, A. Mabb.
10.24 ..	L. M. White, M. G. Carruthers.
10.28 ..	E. P. Streatfield, C. D. N. Walker.
New Course	
10.20 a.m.	J. R. Way, E. I. Groome.
10.24 ..	C. M. Williams, E. Harther.
SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.20 a.m.	K. S. Morrison, T. J. J. Fenwick.

9.25 ..	H. H. Mundy, K. S. Robertson.
9.30 ..	D. J. Bosanquet, J. L. C. Pearce.
9.35 ..	G. M. Park, C. W. E. Bishop.
9.40 ..	J. Linaker, J. J. van Mullen.
9.45 ..	W. Stoker, J. R. Way.
9.50 ..	A. W. Bourne, R. Young.
9.55 ..	J. Harrop, T. Low.
10.00 ..	W. J. S. Key, W. W. C. Shewan.
10.05 ..	D. S. Edward, A. J. Dennis.
10.10 ..	D. S. Robb, S. I. Lloyd.
10.15 ..	B. A. Baker Carr, R. Forrest.
10.20 ..	A. B. Purves, F. A. Redmond.
10.25 ..	G. W. Reeve, T. Megarty.
10.30 ..	W. N. A. Smalley, A. D. Humphreys.
10.35 ..	H. Overly, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.40 ..	F. D. Hunter, T. A. Pearce.
10.45 ..	Col. Matthews, T. J. Jones.
10.50 ..	J. A. Parrish, W. G. Robertson.
10.55 ..	A. McKellar, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.00 ..	J. Redman, M. G. Carruthers.
11.04 ..	F. A. Dinsdale, M. A. Annett.
11.08 ..	R. M. M. King, R. H. Griffiths.
11.12 ..	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	I. H. Geare, S. H. Dodwell.

9.32 ..	A. Landsbert, M. A. Cairns.
9.40 ..	P. V. McLane, A. Mabb.
9.48 ..	J. D. Clague, G. F. Murphy.
9.56 ..	H. F. Phillips, I. P. Tamworth.
10.16 ..	P. Morrison, R. R. Davies.
10.20 ..	R. S. W. Paterson, E. L. Groome.
10.28 ..	D. D. Forbes, J. T. Dupuy.
MONDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	R. H. Griffiths, A. Mabb.
9.20 ..	J. D. and J. M. Thomson.
9.24 ..	W. L. Alexander, F. MacLeod.
9.28 ..	H. I. Mackenzie, W. Sharp.
9.32 ..	A. B. Purves, I. H. Geare.
9.36 ..	N. K. Littlejohn, T. Low.
9.40 ..	A. McKellar, T. Megarty.
9.44 ..	L. M. S. Lloyd, A. C. I. Bowker.
9.48 ..	J. Hackney, M. G. Carruthers.
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10.20 ..	J. G. Jensen, M. A. Annett.
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9.32 ..	Mrs. Macleod, Miss Boyd.
9.40 ..	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
9.48 ..	P. Morrison, G. F. Murphy.

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# BELGRADE LEFT A MASS OF RUINS

## Horror Of Sunday Morning Bombing Officially Told

### Royal Palace Destroyed: Savage Nazi Attacks

THE ROYAL PALACE IN THE SUBURB OF BELGRADE WAS DESTROYED BY 30 BOMBS DURING THE MASS GERMAN AIR RAIDS ON THE CITY ON SUNDAY. THIS IS DISCLOSED IN A MESSAGE FROM THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ADDRESSED "TO ALL CIVILISED PEOPLES."

#### BERLIN CLAIMS PRISONERS IN LIBYA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]  
Berlin yesterday claimed that six British generals and two colonels were among 2,000 British prisoners captured by the Axis occupation of El Mechile, 50 miles inland from Derna, on Monday. International News Service.

#### TO BE MANNED BY BRITISH CREWS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]  
The 10 United States Coastguard vessels handed to Britain will be manned by British crews, who will take over the ships in American ports. International News Service.

#### MAN OF 74 GETS SIX MONTHS

Kwan Kan, 74, and Li Ah-fung, 31, married woman, were each sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for possession of forged banknotes. Detective V. Morrison prosecuted.

The city was left "a mass of ruins and gutted homes," the message says. The statement reads: "We inform all civilised peoples of the frightful crime committed by the German armed forces in the war imposed on us."

"The capital of our country, which in good time was proclaimed an open and undefended city, was bombed by German aircraft without declaration of war."

"On Sunday morning, while the sound of church bells was calling the faithful to church for divine service, a bombardment eclipsing in horror all imagination was launched by German planes."

"A veritable deluge of incendiary and explosive bombs turned the city into a mass of ruins and gutted homes, while all streets of Belgrade were covered with the bodies of children, women or men."

"Never, during the long history

of this city, were such cruelties committed, even by the most primitive invaders."

#### Palace Destroyed

"This devastation of a defenceless open city was executed by a craft of that nation which claimed for itself first place among cultured peoples."

"All precepts of international right and human considerations were set aside by the German planes, which destroyed most of the hospitals, churches, schools and cultural institutions in Belgrade in broad daylight."

"The Royal Palace was destroyed by 30 bombs."

"German planes even bombed isolated houses, killing thus Dr. Koulovetz, leader of the Slovene people and a member of the Government."

"Horrible scenes occurred when German planes machine-gunned women and children fleeing their burning houses."—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

An appeal has been issued by the Traffic Inspector, Central Police Station, for information in connection with an accident which occurred at about 11 a.m. on April 7, involving a Chinese child in Shauiwan Road. The child was hit and killed by a car, the driver of which, it is alleged, drove on without reporting the incident.

The papers in Manila feature the tri-Power conference between High Commissioner Sayre, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and M. Kleffens yesterday as an indication of the common defence of the Far East beginning to take shape, but not a single word was mentioned officially.

There is no doubt, however, that an exchange of information has taken place.

After a ninety-minute conference, the High Commissioner said that the talks centred round the "general situation," adding that it was natural for him to receive and talk with foreign authorities passing through Manila.

Admiral Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet was not present at the conference, being away on manoeuvres.

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham then left for Singapore while M. Kleffens will be leaving for Batavia to-morrow. Further talks are expected. — Reuter.

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### GREEKS STILL HOLD OUT STUBBORNLY IN MACEDONIA

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The German forces in south Serbia are endeavouring to consolidate their positions with the aim of carrying out a pincer movement and forcing the Yugoslavs to retreat inland.

#### Premature Boast

THE GERMANS ARE BOASTING PREMATURELY OF A YUGOSLAV ARMISTICE BEFORE EASTER, ADDING THAT ONLY OUTRIGHT CAPITULATION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

The full force of the German attack on the Yugoslavs will probably come from the north. German troops are advancing slowly below Marbury and have not yet launched a large-scale assault.

The Nazis claim to have effected a junction with the Italian armies in Albania and say they captured 20,000 Yugoslav soldiers and six generals, but there is no confirmation. Salonika actually fell before dawn, the occupation following the capture of Pallep, Tetovo and Maribor.

#### Troops Still Arriving

A GREAT NUMBER OF BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS ARE CONTINUALLY POURING INTO GREECE, ACCORDING TO AN INTERNATIONAL NEWS CORRESPONDENT WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED IN GREECE FROM LIBYA, WHERE HE HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO GENERAL WAVELL'S FORCES.

This correspondent, who landed with a contingent of Imperial troops, says: "I can state, as an eye-witness, that an army of great strength, fully equipped with the most modern implements of warfare is already in-stalled in this country (Greece)

and that more troops are arriving."

Never a day passes without more British troops disembarking at several ports of Greece from heavily laden transports crossing the Eastern Mediterranean under the protection of the British Navy and Air Force.

#### 25 German Divisions

IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT THERE ARE NO BRITISH TROOPS WITH THE GREEKS CUT OFF EAST OF THE VAR-DAR RIVER.

GERMANY IS USING 25 DIVISIONS IN SOUTH YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE, CONSISTING OF 15,000 TO 20,000 MEN EACH. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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